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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE STATUS

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1. ON REQUEST OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY CONTACTED THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN MEXICO CITY.

2. INSTITUTE'S SECRETARY GENERAL, SERGIO DELGADO, TOLD EMBOFF THAT STAFF AND PROPERTIES WERE NOT DAMAGED BY EARTHQUAKE AND THAT INSTITUTE CONFIRMS PREPARATIONS FOR THE NINTH INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN CONGRESS, AS SCHEDULED.

3. DELGADO ALSO SAID THAT THEY HAVE INFORMED, BY LETTER, THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE'S PRESIDENT, DAVE WARREN, IN SANTA FE, THAT THE INSTITUTE IS IN THE POSITION TO CARRY ON THE ORIGINAL PLANS FOR THE CONGRESS.

4. SECRETARY GENERAL DELGADO SAID THAT HE HAS ALREADY ASKED OAS TO ASSIST THE INSTITUTE IN ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATION WITH ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. DELGADO IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, NEXT WEEK, TO PRESENT A DETAILED REPORT TO ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE'S PRESIDENT WARREN. (ECP:MLKRUGER) GAVIN  
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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX  
SUBJECT: SITREP 51 - MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

1. FRENCH ZEAL STARTS FIRES AT ONE COLLAPSED BUILDING.  
AT THE COLLAPSED NUEVO LEON APARTMENT BUILDING IN  
TLATELOLCO WHICH WAS VISITED YESTERDAY BY FIRST LADY  
NANCY REAGAN, THREE NEW FIRES BROKE OUT TODAY AS A  
CONSEQUENCE OF PERHAPS EXCESSIVE ZEAL IN THE USE OF  
SUCTION DEVICES DURING THE EXCAVATION AND RESCUE  
ACTIVITIES BY SOME OF THE 60-MAN FRENCH RESCUE  
CONTINGENT WHO WERE WORKING AT THE SITE.

2. U.S. FOREST SERVICE TEAM.  
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THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE TEAM, WHICH TODAY RESCUED TWO  
INFANTS FROM JUAREZ HOSPITAL (SEE SITREP 50), IS  
CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE INTEGRATED RESCUE  
AND RELIEF TEAMS HERE, AND HAS MADE QUITE A FAVORABLE  
IMPRESSION. THE MISSION, VIA SEPTTEL, IS SUBMITTING A  
REQUEST FOR THE SENDING IMMEDIATELY OF TWO MORE 20-MAN  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE TEAMS.

3. U.S. RELIEF AIRCRAFT CONTINUE TO ARRIVE.  
SOME 15 U.S. AIRCRAFT HAVE ARRIVED WITH RELIEF

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PROVISIONS AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT TODAY, AND ANOTHER 4 C-5'S ARE EXPECTED TOMORROW.. MEXICAN MILITARY STARTING TO ESCORT RELIEF GOODS FROM AIRPORT.

THE MEXICAN MILITARY ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE INVOLVED IN DIRECTING OPERATIONS AT THE MEXICO CITY AIRPORT INVOLVING RELIEF SHIPMENTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THIS IS A GOOD SIGN, AS THE MEXICAN MILITARY'S ACTIONS ARE DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT RELIEF SHIPMENTS COULD BE DIVERTED TO THE BLACK MARKET. AS PART OF THIS MEXICAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT, MEXICAN MILITARY VEHICLES ARE STARTING TO ACCOMPANY ALL RELIEF GOODS AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE SITE OF FINAL DESTINATION WITHIN THE CITY, IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT CIVILIAN DRIVERS DO NOT DIVERT SOME OF THE GOODS DURING THE DRIVE FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CITY. GAVIN

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ABRAMS FROM AMBASSADOR GAVIN

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TAGS: EAID, MX, AEMER  
SUBJECT: MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE: OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE

1. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING DRAFT. I WOULD PROPOSE TO SEND IT TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE FIFTY STATES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN ORDER TO AVOID SPONTANEOUS OFFERS OF AID IN VARIED (AND SOMETIMES EXOTIC) FORMS.

2. MMH HAS SET UP A FUND STRICTLY FOR SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION. THE FUNDS COULD BE CHanneled TO IT. PERHAPS WE COULD HAVE STATE NAMES ON BUILDINGS (OR PARTS THEREOF).

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OPINION AND ADVICE IMMEDIATELY.

4. QUOTE DEAR GOVERNOR

- I ADDRESS YOU REGARDING THE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE SUFFERED BY MEXICO.

- OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE TRULY GRATIFYING. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR COMPATRIOTS.

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- RESCUE TEAMS AND SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT DOWN FROM SEVERAL STATES BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE. AS IMMEDIATE RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUE, FOOD, MATERIALS, MEDICINES, AND SHELTER, AMONG OTHER ITEMS, SEEM TO BE IN ADEQUATE SUPPLY. AS NEW REQUIREMENTS ARE DEFINED WE WILL MAKE THEM KNOWN.

- ONE IMPORTANT NEED THAT IS ALREADY OBVIOUS IS THE LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. IF THE

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GOOD PEOPLE OF YOUR STATE WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE PROJECTS, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT CASH DONATIONS BE MADE TO: FUND FOR MEXICAN SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION, C/O MEXICAN DESK, U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

- ONCE AGAIN, OUR THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN MEXICO. UNQUOTE.  
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SUBJECT: DOD ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF MEXICO EARTHQUAKE  
RELIEF OPERATIONS

1. BELOW LISTED ITEMS WERE REQUESTED FROM MEXICAN ARMY  
FORCES THROUGH THE US EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE. THIS  
WAS ORIGINALLY PROVIDED AT APPROXIMATELY 2000 HOURS, 23  
SEPT. 85.

2. UPON REVIEW OF URGENTLY REQUESTED MEDICAL SUPPLIES BY  
LA DEFENSA A NEW LIST WAS PROVIDED WITH BETTER  
SPECIFICATIONS AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 HOURS 24 SEPT 85. WE  
HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED REQUESTED MATERIAL AND HAD MADE  
COST ESTIMATES BASED UPON PRICES LISTED ON DOD MEDICAL  
MATERIAL CATALOG.

3. BELOW PLEASE FIND FEDERAL STOCK NUMBERS, ITEM  
DESCRIPTIONS, UNIT OF ISSUE (U/I), QUANTITIES REQUESTED  
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AND UNIT COSTS.

6505-00-126-9360 MEPERIDINE, U/I BT, QTY 1,000, UNIT COST  
6.17

6505-00-660-1601, METHOCARBAMOL TABS, U/I BT, QTY 10, UNIT  
COST 12.97

6505-00-616-7859, PENICILLIN, U/I PG, QTY 10,000, UNIT  
COST 8.74

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6505-01-154-9917, DEXTROSE 10 PERCENT, U/I , QTY 3,000, UNIT COST  
20.26

6505-01-154-9918, DEXTROSE 5, U/I, QTY 300U, UNIT COST  
10.89

6505-01-154-9919, DEXTROSE 5 PERCENT, U/I, QTY 500, UNIT COST  
20.73

6505-00-116-1120, SODIUM CHLORIDE, U/I PG, QTY 500U, UNIT  
COST 10.95

6505-00-783-7218, DIAZEPAM TABS, U/I BT, QTY 10U, UNIT  
COST 47.06

6506-00-5, DIAZEPAM INJ, U/I PG, QTY 1,500, UNIT  
COST 14.80

6505-00-655-8460, CHLORTRIMETRON, U/I BT, QTY 20, UNIT  
COST 49.35

6505-00-753-9609, HYDROCORTISONE, U/I BT, QTY 5,000, UNIT  
COST 1.51  
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6505-00-126-2037, CHLORAMPHENICOL SOL, U/I BT, QTY 3,00U,  
UNIT COST 2.60

6505-00-772-0157, XYLOCAINE, U/I BT, QTY 3U00, UNIT COST  
2.99

6505-00-864-5249, TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA VAC, U/I BT, QTY  
6,000, UNIT COST 4.82

6505-01-127-0046, POLIO VACCINE, U/I BX, QTY 6,00U, UNIT  
PRICE 23.74

6505-00-133-4449, EPINEPHRINE INJ, U/I BX, QTY 20U, UNIT  
PRICE 9.53

6505-00-153-8278, GLOBULINE IMMUNE, U/I VL, QTY 1,U00,  
UNIT PRICE 2.36

6515-00-754-2835, NEEDLE 22GA 1 1/2 IN., U/I BX, QTY 150,  
UNIT PRICE 2.33

6515-00-462-7348, SYRINGE 3 ML, U/I BX, QTY 150, UNIT  
PRICE 4.23

6515-00-926-9043, CARTRIDGE SYRINGE, U/I EA, QTY 150, UNIT  
COST 3.53

6515-01-057-1268, SYRINGE AND NEEDLE DISP., U/I BX, QTY  
600, UNIT PRICE 8.40

4. THE MEXICAN ARMY OFFICIALS HAVE ASSURED THE EMBASSY DOA  
THAT THESE ITEMS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR THE MEDICAL  
EMERGENCIES CURRENTLY BEING RESPONDED TO BY MEXICAN ARMY  
MEDICAL TEAMS.

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5. US EMBASSY DOD CONTACT IS ARMY MAJOR STEVE WAGER,  
211-0042 EXT 3780/3781.

6. AID BELIEVES THAT DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO  
THE LAST LIST OF NEEDED MATERIALS WHICH WAS SHARED WITH  
CONCERNED U.S. GOVERNORS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
THIS LIST COULD ALSO BE SHARED WITH POTENTIAL DONORS.  
PLEASE RESPOND AND ADVISE OF OFDA ACTIONS.  
GAVIN

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TAGS: AMER, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX

SUBJECT: SITREP 52: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

1. EVENING MEXICAN TV PROGRAM "CIFRA" INTERVIEWED  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN STOCK EXCHANGE, THE  
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY  
(CANACINTRA), THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL  
CHAMBER OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, AND A  
LIC. ALVERDE (ORGANIZATION NOT KNOWN). KEY CONCLUSIONS  
OF THE INTERVIEW WERE:

- (A) THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY, ALTHOUGH OCCUPYING  
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SMALLER OFFICE SPACE, IS FUNCTIONING CLOSE TO NORMAL  
(22 MILLION ACTIONS IN THE MEXICAN STOCK MARKET ON  
9/24 AND NO LOSS OF LIQUIDITY IN THE BANKING SYSTEM);

- (B) THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IS FUNCTIONING  
NORMALLY. SOME SMALLER FIRMS ARE UNDER FINANCIAL  
PRESSURE BECAUSE DEMAND IS DOWN, BUT CANACINTRA IS  
WORKING WITH GOM AUTHORITIES TO CHANNEL FUNDS TO THEM;

- (C) THE DOMESTIC CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAS THE

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NECESSARY CAPACITY--EVEN AN OVERCAPACITY--TO CARRY OUT ANY RECONSN PROGRAM.

- (D) THERE IS NO LACK OF FOOD, AND THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR HAS NOT BEEN AFFECTED. THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IS INTACT AND THE SUPPLYING OF FOOD OR GOODS HAS NOT BEEN AFFECTED.

2. A STATUS REPORT ON MEXICO CITY HOTELS (MEXICO 19800) WAS SENT 250411Z.

3. AID/OFDA (WASHINGTON) REQUESTED (TELCON OF 9/24) GUIDANCE ON SHIPMENTS OF FOOD AND MEDICINE. ACCORDING TO AID/M, THERE ARE ADEQUATE DOMESTIC FOOD SUPPLIES BUT THERE ARE REPORTS OF ILLEGAL PRICE HIKEs, POSSIBLY DUE TO GOUGING. FOOD SHIPMENTS FROM ABROAD ARE NOT REQUIRED. SOME MEDICAL FACILITIES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BUT THE GENERAL SUPPLY OF MEDICINES HAS NOT BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. THERE ARE SOME SPECIALIZED NEEDS. MEXICO 19636 INDICATES SOME SPECIFIC MEDICINES WHICH THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS ASKED FOR, AND MEXICO 19807 LISTS SOME SPECIFIC MEDICINES REQUESTED BY THE MEXICAN MILITARY.  
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4. FLIGHT MSN 196006 ARRIVED 1630L. THE CARGO WAS SIX GENERATORS AND EIGHT LIGHT SETS.  
(ECP:PENNINGER/FELT) GAVIN



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SUBJECT: SITREP 53: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

1. A PRIVATE PLANE SENT BY TEXAS GOVERNOR WHITE'S OFFICE ARRIVED LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 24 CARRYING MEDICINES, BLANKETS, AND OTHER MATERIALS. ANOTHER ONE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 25 AT THE SAME TIME. GOVERNOR WHITE'S OFFICE HAS PLEDGED TO RAISE \$15 MILLION FOR MEXICO RELIEF; HE IS CALLING IT THE "DOLLAR PER TEXAN" CAMPAIGN.

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2. SENATOR DECONCINI HAS SENT A STAFF AIDE TO MEXICO TO TRACE 1,000 MEXICAN CITIZENS RELATED TO HIS U.S. CONSTITUENTS. THE AIDE HAD AS OF SEPTEMBER 24 ACCOUNTED FOR 300 OF THEM. HE IS USING CONSULAR FACILITIES TO TELEGRAPH THE 300 NAMES BACK TO DECONCINI'S CONSTITUENTS.

3. DURING THE MIDNIGHT TO EIGHT A.M. SHIFT IN THE EMBASSY COMMAND POST, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT EMERGENCY ACTIVITY WAS DECLINING. ONLY ONE CALL WAS RECEIVED

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RE AMCIT WELFARE, NO AIRCRAFT ARRIVED, AND ONLY TWO  
NEW AIRCRAFT ADULED TO ARRIVE. ROUTINES SEEM  
TO HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS  
RESCUE TEAMS AND FEWER DEMANDS ARE BEING MADE ON THE  
COMMAND POST. (DRAFTED:ECON:PPENNINGER/  
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TAGS: AEMR,EAID,AMGT,USIA,ACOA,MX

SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS STATUS REPORT - MEXICO CITY

1. DURING VISIT WITH CPO TODAY, AT&T REPRESENTATIVE  
HAD FOLLOWING INFORMATION. CITY HAS RESTORED 180 LONG  
DISTANCE LINES. ALMOST ALL OF THEM HAVE GONE TO  
GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. TWO OF THEM WERE PROVIDED  
TO THE EMBASSY. ALL OF OUR LINES TRANSIT VICTORIA  
EXCHANGE. THE EXCHANGE IS A MAJOR CENTER, WITH  
20,000 GATEWAY TRUNKS AND 20 THOUSAND TANDEM TRUNKS.  
ONLY ONE FLOOR IN THE BUILDING HAS USABLE EQUIPMENT.  
THE FLOOR ABOVE AND THE FLOOR BELOW ARE SUPPOSED TO  
BE TOTALLY DESTROYED. HE STATED THAT DUE TO THE  
FRAGILITY OF THIS BUILDING, ONE MORE QUAKE COULD  
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BRING IT DOWN AND TOTALLY WIPE OUT COMMUNICATIONS.  
HIDALGO EXCHANGE WITH OVER 38,000 GATEWAY TRUNKS  
AND OTHER LARGE EXCHANGES ARE SEVERLY DAMAGED. HE  
ADDED THAT THERE WERE ALSO MANY SMALLER EXCHANGES  
THAT WERE OUT BUT THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED  
YET AND THEREFORE THE TOTAL DAMAGE HAS NOT YET BEEN  
ASSESSED. THE EQUIPMENT IN THE EXCHANGES IS  
MECHANICAL ERICSON, AND IT WAS REMARKABLE THAT THESE  
RACKS OF SWITCHES WERE BEATINST EACH OTHER AND  
ARE STILL WORKING.

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2. AT&T IS OUT FRANTICALLY TRYING TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT TO MEXICO, TO COMPETE AGAINST ERICSON AND THE JAPANESE. HIS PROPOSAL IS AGAINST THE PRESENT ONE CENTRAL EXCHANGE CONCEPT. HE OUTLINED A NETWORK CONSISTING OF FOUR EXCHANGES RINGED AROUND THE CITY LINKED BY A FIBER OPTIC GRID. IF ONE EXCHANGE WERE TO GO DOWN, THE WORK COULD BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE OTHERS REMAINING. THE COST OF THIS SYSTEM AS HE PROPOSES WOULD RUN \$500 MILLION. IF INSTALLATION COULD BE DONE ON A RUTHLESS BASIS, HE PREDICTED RESTORATION OF SERVICE IN 130 DAYS. RUTHLESS INSTALLATION WAS DESCRIBED AS IF THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROVIDE INSTANTLY ALL LAND FOR THE EXCHANGES AND TUNNEL RIGHT-AWAY. BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE FINANCIAL TIES BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS AND HOW THEY NEED EACH OTHER, HE WAS CONFIDENT AT&T WOULD SUCCEED.

3. WHEN ASKED WHAT THE OTHER ALTERNATIVES WERE AS PROPOSED BY BIDDING COMPANIES, WHETHER THEY WOULD CONSIST OF RELOCATING THE EXCHANGES TO NEW SITES AND MAINTAINING THE PRESENT ARCHITECTURE WITH ITS VULNERABILITY, HE STATED THAT HE ONLY HOPED THEY WOULD NOT. HE LEFT URGENTLY INDICATING THAT HE WAS ALREADY PICKING UP ORDERS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EQUIPMENT ALREADY FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

4. AT&T PREDICTED RECONSTRUCTION OF ITS PROPOSED SYSTEM WOULD TAKE AS LONG AS ONE TO TWO YEARS. GAVIN#

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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE DATA

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1. UNAM PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DATA.

2. NINE AFTERSHOCKS HAVE BEEN RECORDED DURING PERIOD NOON  
SEPT 24 TO NOON SEPT 25. STRONGEST AFTERSHOCK OCCURRED  
AT 0144 SEPT 25 LOCAL TIME. MAGNITUDE OF 5.5 ON RICHTER  
SCALE. HYPOCENTER 18.5N-103W. FELT IN MEXICO CITY WITH  
INTENSITY OF 3.4 ON MERCALLI SCALE. OTHER AFTERSHOCKS  
VARIED IN MAGNITUDE FROM 3 TO 5 ON RICHTER SCALE. (SSOTO)  
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1. EL HERALDO DE MEXICO IS THE ONLY NEWSPAPER TO  
COMMENT 09/25 ON THE VISIT TO MEXICO BY THE FIRST LADY  
OF THE UNITED STATES. THE DAILY'S EDITORIAL MAKES A  
SUMMARY OF MRS. REAGAN'S ACTIVITIES AND STRESSES THAT SHE  
WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED AND CONCERNED BY THE TRAGEDY, AND  
THAT SHE ALSO HAD WORDS OF PRAISE FOR "THE COURAGE AND  
RESILIENCY OF THE MEXICAN PEOPLE.

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2. THE EDITORIAL ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE ONE MILLION  
DOLLARS USG CONTRIBUTION TO MEXICO AND COMMENTS ON THE  
LETTER SENT BY PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THE MEXICAN  
PRESIDENT. IT SAYS THAT THESE ACTIONS "ARE NOT THE  
RESULT OF DIPLOMATIC OR PROTOCOLARY NORMS. IT IS A  
GESTURE COMING FROM A DEEP HUMANITARIAN FEELING AND A  
DEMONSTRATION OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP ON THE PART OF THE  
U.S. PRESIDENT AND HIS WIFE TOWARDS THE PEOPLE  
-- TO WHICH THE AMERICANS ARE SO CLOSELY ATTACHED...  
THESE ACTIONS OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND HIS

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DISTINGUISHED WIFE SAY A THOUSAND TIMES MORE THAN THE FLOWERY MESSAGES AND BEAUTIFUL PHRASES THAT LACK TRUE FEELINGS. OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE GOES TO THE REAGAN'S.

3. FIVE MAJOR MEXICO CITY DAILIES HIGHLIGHT USIS-MEXICO-DISTRIBUTED BULLETINS ON THE U.S. ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO, THE WORK OF THE DOG, SEISMIC, TV-PROBE AND FIREMEN RESCUE TEAMS, AS WELL AS THE ASSESSMENT OF BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED BY U.S. DEMOLITION EXPERTS. THIS INFORMATION WAS ALSO BROADCASTED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S TV NETWORK "IMEVISION," AND HAS BEEN REBROADCASTED THIS MORNING (09/25) BY THE SAME NETWORK AND BY THE PRIVATE TV NETWORK TELEVISA -- WHICH IS ALSO SEEN IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THE SIN NETWORK.

4. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE NEWSPAPER LA JORNADA (LEFTIST-NATIONALISTIC), USUALLY VERY CRITICAL OF ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH THE UNITED STATES, CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON WORLDWIDE ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO, HIGHLIGHTING THAT "U.S. SOLIDARITY IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY AND ENCOMPASSES ALMOST ALL AREAS: HELICOPTERS, RESCUE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ENGINEERING, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, DOCTORS, MEDICINES, FOOD AND SHELTER. ALMOST ALL OF THIS ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN CHANNELED THROUGH THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS."

5. THE NEW INFORMATION ON THE CASUALTIES, AS REPORTED BY THE MEXICAN MEDIA INDICATES, THAT THE NUMBER OF DEAD BODIES PULLED OUT OF THE RUBBLES IS A LITTLE OVER 3,000, THAT MORE THAN 2,000 PERSONS HAVE BEEN RESCUED ALIVE, AND THAT THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS STANDS AT 31,000. THE MEDIA ALSO REPORTS THAT NO BUILDING WILL BE DEMOLISHED BEFORE EXHAUSTING THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING SOMEBODY ALIVE INSIDE THE RUBBLE. THE NEWSPAPER UNOMASUNO SAYS THAT THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF THOSE INJURED IS 16,000, BUT NOVSA SAYS THAT THERE ARE 8,334 INJURED PERSONS.

6. THE MEXICAN HEALTH SECRETARIAT WILL MASSIVELY DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE THE MOST IMPORTANT HEALTH MEASURES THAT THE POPULATION SHOULD PUT IN PRACTICE. THROUGH THE DIFFERENT MEDIA, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO ASSURE THAT THERE IS NO DANGER OF EPIDEMICS IN MEXICO CITY. MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION SAID THAT CLASSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL RESUME NEXT MONDAY, 09/30.

7. ALL THE MEDIA HIGHLIGHT AS THEIR MAJOR STORY, THE



REMARKS MADE BY PRESIDENT MIGUEL DE LA MADRID TO AN ITALIAN TV STATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY SHOULD ADOPT AN UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE TOWARDS MEXICO BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE TRAGEDY. THEY ALSO STRESS THAT THE UNGA PASSED A RESOLUTION TO ASSIST MEXICO, AND THAT MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BERNARDO SEPULVEDA EXPRESSED MEXICO'S APPRECIATION FOR THAT DECISION. GAVIN

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- ONE IMPORTANT NEED THAT IS ALREADY OBVIOUS IS THE LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. IF THE GOOD PEOPLE OF YOUR STATE WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE PROJECTS, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT CASH DONATIONS BE MADE TO YOUR OFFICE FOR THE FUND FOR MEXICAN SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION. THE TOTAL OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS COULD THEN BE SENT IN THE NAME OF YOUR STATE TO: THE MEXICAN DESK, U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20520. UNQTE. GAVIN

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U.S. DOG TEAM ACTIVITIES YESTERDAY

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1. ON ITS THIRD FULL DAY OF ACTIVITY, I.E. SEPTEMBER 24,  
THE FOUR U.S. TEAMS OF DOGS AND DOG HANDLERS (I.E.,  
11 DOGS AND 16 HANDLERS) VISITED 26 SITES OF COLLAPSED  
BUILDINGS, AND EXTENSIVELY WORKED 18 OF THOSE. THE TEAMS  
FOUND 6 BODIES IN THE RUBBLE OF THESE BUILDINGS,  
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HAD FIVE ALERTS STRONG ENOUGH TO SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY  
OF HUMAN LIFE AMID THE RUBBLE, AND HAD 40-50 WEAKER  
ALERTS INDICATING THE PRESENCE OF DEAD BODIES.  
(TYPICALLY, THE DOGS, WHO REACT DIFFERENTLY TO THE  
POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF HUMAN OR DEAD BODIES AMID THE  
RUBBLE, SNIFF OUT THE SPOTS WHERE THERE ARE LIKELY  
TO BE HUMANS, EITHER LIVING OR DEAD. AFTER THAT, THE  
DOG TEAMS ARE USUALLY MOVED ON TO ANOTHER SITE, LEAVING  
DIGGING AND OTHER CREWS TO EXCAVATE THOSE SITES TO  
SEE IF IN FACT THERE ARE LOCATED BENEATH THE

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RUBBLE AT THOSE SPOTS. FOR THIS REASON THE DOG TEAMS FREQUENTLY DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SUBSEQUENT EXCAVATIONS AT THOSE SITES HAVE LED TO THE UNCOVERING OF ADDITIONAL BODIES.)

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PROBLEM OF DUPLICATION OF FOREIGN DOG TEAM EFFORT RESOLVED

2. THE PROBLEM OF DUPLICATION OF EFFORT BETWEEN VARIOUS FOREIGN DOG RESCUE TEAMS (AND THERE ARE NOW FIVE MAJOR DOG RESCUE CONTINGENTS HERE, I.E. U.S., FRENCH, SWISS, WEST GERMAN, AND ITALIAN) CONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER 24. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WERE HALF A DOZEN SITES WHERE SOME OF THE U.S. TEAMS WERE TAKEN ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT THE FRENCH OR SWISS DOGS HAD ALREADY COVERED THOSE SITES AND THAT THERE WAS THEREFORE NO NEED TO WASTE TIME ON THE U.S. DOGS SNIFFING THOSE SITES). THIS PROBLEM OF DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AMONG THE FOREIGN DOG TEAMS (NOTE - THERE ARE NO TRAINED MEXICAN DOG RESCUE TEAMS) OVER THE DAYS SINCE THE TWO EARTHQUAKES GAVE RISE TO SUCH FRUSTRATION THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL FIVE FOREIGN DOG TEAMS HELD A MEETING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 24 TO DISCUSS COORDINATION OF EFFORTS AND/OR COOPERATION

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AMONG THE TEAMS. THIS MEETING WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE, AND, AS A RESULT, AS OF TODAY THERE IS COORDINATION AMONG THE TEAMS AND EVEN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. (FOR EXAMPLE, TODAY THERE ARE SOME JOINT MULTINATIONAL DOG TEAM EFFORTS, INCLUDING SOME PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH VETERINARIANS AND OTHERS FROM THE FRENCH CONTINGENT ON THE U.S. TEAM. THIS MULTINATIONAL COOPERATION IS REPORTEDLY WORKING VERY WELL).

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U.S. DOG TEAMS TAKE LIFE-THREATENING RISKS

3. THE U.S. DOG TEAM ON SEPTEMBER 24 ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS TOOK SOME LIFE THREATENING RISKS (I.E. WORKING UNSAFE BUILDINGS) IN THEIR SEARCH FOR BODIES OR SURVIVORS, WHICH RISKS PROBABLY HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. THE DOG TEAMS HAVE BEEN GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO WEIGH THE SAFETY FACTOR MORE SERIOUSLY TODAY.

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U.S. DOG TEAMS NOW ACCOMPANIED BY DOCTORS

4. THE DOG TEAMS ARE ALSO NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, MAKING THEIR ROUNDS ACCOMPANIED BY QUALIFIED MEDICAL DOCTORS.

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U.S. DOG TEAM SNIFFS TWO TOP COLLAPSED FLOORS OF

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CONTINENTAL HOTEL  
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5. ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC EFFORTS OF THE DOG TEAMS ON  
SEPTEMBER 24 STEMMED FROM AN UNUSUAL REQUEST TO THE  
AMBASSADOR THAT MORNING. THE REQUEST WAS FROM THE

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PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR WHO URGENTLY ASKED FOR U.S.  
ASSISTANCE IN EXAMINING THE EIGHTH AND NINTH TOP FLOORS  
OF THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL, WHICH HAD COLLAPSED DURING  
THE FIRST QUAKE. THIS REQUEST WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING,  
INASMUCH AS MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND HOTEL OFFICIALS  
HAD EARLIER SAID THAT ALL HOTEL GUESTS TRAPPED IN THE

TWO COLLAPSED TOP STORIES HAD BEEN EITHER EVACUATED OR WERE DEAD. THE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR INSISTED THAT THIS WAS NOT TRUE AND THAT INFORMATION FROM PANAMA  
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INDICATED THAT SOME PANAMANIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. MILITARY IN PANAMA HAD BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN STAYING IN THOSE FLOORS OF THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE AND HAD BEEN MISSING SINCE THE QUAKE AND WERE PRESUMED TRAPPED IN THE RUBBLE. IN RESPONSE TO THIS URGENT REQUEST, U.S. DOG TEAMS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE U.S. T.V. TEAM AND U.S. DOCTORS WENT TO THE SITE, SPITE THE FACT THAT THE BUILDING WAS UNSAFE, CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE BUILDING, AND DUG A WHOLE THROUGH WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE ROOF TO GET INTO THE AREA. ALTHOUGH THE DOGS RECEIVED MANY ALERTS IN THAT AREA, THEY WERE ALL, HOWEVER, ALERTS WHICH INDICATED DEATH AND THE PRESENCE OF DEAD BODIES, ACCOMPANIED BY THE HEAVY STENCH OF DEATH. THE U.S. TEAMS THEN WERE FORCED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT PERSONS TRAPPED ON THESE FLOORS WERE, IN FACT, DEAD.

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DISCOVERY OF TWO LIVE PERSONS ON SEPTEMBER 23 REMAINS

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GREATEST U.S. DOG TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENT TO DATE  
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6. THE MOST DRAMATIC RESULT OF THE DOG TEAMS SO FAR REMAINS THE RESCUE OF TWO PEOPLE ALIVE ON SEPTEMBER 23 AT THE COLLAPSED NUEVO LEON APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE TLATELOLCO AREA (SITREP 43) IN WHICH A U.S. DOG TEAM FIRST SNIFFED AN ALERT OF PROBABLE LIVE PERSONS UNDER THE RUBBLE, AFTER WHICH THE U.S. SEISMIC AND "SNAKE" TV CREWS WERE CALLED IN AND THE "SNAKE" TV CAMERA DISCOVERED A LIVE COUPLE UNDER THE RUINS, WHO WERE THEN DUG OUT. (DRAFTED:JGWYNN) GAVIN

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SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 0500 EDT SEPTEMBER 25, 19851. PRESIDENT MIGUEL DE LA MADRID APPEALED LAST NIGHT FOR  
SUPPORT FROM MEXICO'S CREDITORS IN THE WAKE OF THE  
EARTHQUAKE DISASTER. DE LA MADRID CALLED FOR "THE  
UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL  
COMMUNITY" TO HELP MEXICO FACE "THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF  
THE TRAGEDY AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MEXICO."2. MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT AND THE GENERAL U.S. RESPONSE TO  
THE DISASTER GARNERED COPIOUS AND VERY FAVORABLE PRESS  
COVERAGE BOTH IN MEXICO AND AT HOME.

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3. THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION  
(UNDRO) CHAIRED A MEETING IN MEXICO CITY YESTERDAY FOR  
REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONS AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS  
PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF. THE UNDRO COORDINATOR SAID  
THE ORGANIZATION IS READY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
COORDINATING INTERNATIONAL RELIEF EFFORTS UPON REQUEST BY  
THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. MEXICAN HEALTH SECRETARY SOBERONAPPARENTLY HAS ENDORSED UNDRO INVOLVEMENT; A RESOLUTION  
PENDING BEFORNGA APPARENTLY ALSO CALLS FOR UNDRO**REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior Reviewer**



PARTICIPATION. NONETHELESS, UNDRO PERSONNEL APPEAR TO KNOW LITTLE ABOUT THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND. A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICER ATTENDING THE SESSION AS AN OBSERVER TOLD UNDRO THAT THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO WORK BILATERALLY WITH MEXICO AND WILL NOT USE UNDRO IN ANY COORDINATING CAPACITY.

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY DIANA LADY DOUGAN ASKED THE MEWG TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF PRIVATE SECTOR OFFERS TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO. EMBASSY MEXICO REPORTS THAT THE MEXICAN FINANCE MINISTER AND THE MAYOR OF MEXICO CITY ARE INTERESTED IN SUCH ASSISTANCE; AMBASSADOR GAVIN ALSO BROUGHT THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID, WHOSE RESPONSE SEEMED FAVORABLE BUT NONCOMMITTAL. AMBASSADOR GAVIN'S MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF FINANCE MAY RESULT IN FURTHER DETAILS ON THE GOM'S THINKING. PENDING A FORMAL RESPONSE, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT WISH TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

5. A MEXICO CITY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AT LEAST 65 AIRCRAFT CARRYING 1.4 TONS OF MEDICINE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOOD AND RELIEF EQUIPMENT FROM COUNTRIES AS FAR APART AS FRANCE AND ARGENTINA HAD LANDED IN MEXICO CITY SINCE LAST THURSDAY. WHITEHEAD

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MEXICO: JOSEPH B. TREASTER, FRONT PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/24 ("MEXICANS LINK DAMAGE IN QUAKE TO BREACHES IN CITY BUILDING CODE"): "A GROUP OF INTELLECTUALS AND MANY ARCHITECTS HERE SAY THEY BELIEVE THAT A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS THAT WERE DESTROYED OR HEAVILY DAMAGED IN TWO EARTHQUAKES LAST WEEK HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S BUILDING CODES."

"IT WAS A COMBINATION OF CORRUPTION AND A LACK OF EFFICIENCY," SAID INTELLECTUAL HOMERO ARIDJIS.

MEXICO: JAMES LEMOYNE, P. 3 FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/24

("QUAKE WAS LESS CRIPPLING THAN FEARED") FINDS THAT DAMAGE "IS BEGINNING TO BE SEEN IN LESS CATASTROPHIC TERMS THAN MANY HAD FEARED IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE DISASTER. ...IN A CAPITAL OF MORE THAN 18 MILLION PEOPLE AND ONE MILLION BUILDINGS, THE DESTRUCTION AND LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE COULD HAVE BEEN FAR WORSE."

MEXICO: UPI/WARSAW BRIEF, SAME PAGE: ("SOLIDARITY AIDING MEXICANS").

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GUNS: JEFF GERTH/JOEL BRINKLEY, FRONT PAGE ("GUN SMUGGLING ON THE INCREASE, U.S. AIDES SAY") REPORT THAT MANY RECENT LATIN AMERICAN TERRORIST ACTIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN WITH WEAPONS SMUGGLED OUT OF THE U.S.

PERU: SPECIAL/UN, P. 8, 9/24 ("PERUVIAN GETS REBUKE FROM SHULTZ ON IMF"): SECSTATE SHULTZ "PERSONALLY REBUKED PRES. ALAN GARCIA PEREZ OF PERU TODAY FOR HIS CRITICISM OF THE IMF IN A GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING, STATE DEPT OFFICIALS SAID.

"THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXPRESSED HIS UNHAPPINESS WITH CERTAIN ASPECTS OF PRES. GARCIA'S SPEECH' DURING A MEETING WITH THE PERUVIAN LEADER TODAY, A STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN, CHARLES REDMAN, SAID. MR. GARCIA'S ADDRESS MONDAY INCLUDED A THREAT TO WITHDRAW PERU FROM THE IMF.

"AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY, MR. GARCIA DID NOT BACK AWAY FROM HIS SPEECH.

"THE IMF HAS A THEORY ON DEFICITS WHICH APPARENTLY APPLIES TO PERU OR GUINEA-BISSAU, BUT NOT TO THE US,' THE PERUVIAN LEADER SAID.

"THE US HAS THE LARGEST DEFICIT IN HISTORY AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM THE IMF,' MR. GARCIA SAID."

WASHINGTON POST --

MEXICO: DAVID MARANISS, FRONT PAGE FROM PLAYA AZUL ("AT THE QUAKE'S EPICENTER; TOURISTS FLED RESORT, LEAVING A GHOST TOWN"): "THIS UNTAMED RESORT ON THE PACIFIC OCEAN IS WHERE MEXICO'S DAYS OF TERROR BEGAN. IT IS ALMOST A GHOST TOWN NOW AND IT FEELS, AS IT SHOULD, LIKE THE END OF THE EARTH."

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MEXICO: WILLIAM ORME, P. 17 FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/24 ("VOLUNTEERS' RESPONSE TO DISASTER LIFTS SAGGING CAN CIVIC PRIDE"): "MEXICO'S EARTHQUAKE, COMING AFTER A

YEAR-LONG SERIES OF MOSTLY MANMADE DISASTERS, APPEARS TO HAVE STRENGTHENED RATHER THAN FURTHER UNRAVELED THE PEOPLE'S FAITH IN THEIR CAPACITY FOR ENDURANCE AND COMMON EFFORT..."

MEXICO: EDWARD CODY, P. 19 FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/24 ("MEXICAN INDUSTRIALISTS ASK DEBT PAYMENT RELIEF") REPORTS THAT THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION HAS CALLED FOR A 12-MONTH POSTPONEMENT OF DEBT SERVICING.

WALL STREET JOURNAL --

MEXICO: FRONT-PAGE BRIEF LEADS TO P. 35 DAVID B. HILDER AND CRAIG FORMAN STORY ("LOSSES FROM MEXICO EARTHQUAKES TO BE SPREAD AMONG MANY INSURERS") ON THE EFFECT OF THE QUAKE ON THE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE INDUSTRY.

PERU: EVERETT G. MARTIN, P. 34 FROM LIMA ("PERUVIAN PRESIDENT'S PUSH ON WORLD DEBT GAINS HIM VISIBILITY AND PUBLIC APPROVAL"): "...HE HAS CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING, ATTACKED POLICE CORRUPTION, ORGANIZED A SPECTACULAR COCAINE BUST WITH COLOMBIA, AND SLOWED INFLATION.

"ALL OF THIS HAS COME WITH CROWD-PLEASING FLOURISHES. HE CUT TOP BUREAUCRATIC SALARIES, INCLUDING HIS OWN. THE MONTHLY PAY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OIL COMPANY, FOR EXAMPLE, DROPPED TO \$1000 FROM \$10,000. IN ANOTHER FLOURISH, HE PUT PERU'S LUXURIOUS DIPLOMATIC SITES IN THE

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US UP FOR SALE."

HOWEVER, "FAILURE TO GET THE BEST TERMS FOR PERU ABROAD WOULD ENDANGER MR. GARCIA'S PROMISES TO SIMULTANEOUSLY STEM INFLATION AND REVIVE THE ECONOMY, A PARLAY GOVERNMENTS ELSEWHERE HAVE FOUND IMPOSSIBLE.

"HE WILL NEED ALL HIS POLITICAL SKILL IN THE FACE OF DEMANDS FROM LABOR UNIONS AND OPPOSITION PARTIES, AS WELL AS THE LEFT WING OF HIS OWN PARTY, WHICH WANTS TO SUBORDINATE ECONOMIC POLICY TO SOCIAL GOALS."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

MEXICO: DENNIS VOLMAN, FRONT PAGE ("FUTURE OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TIED TO HANDLING OF QUAKE") BELIEVES DE LA M'S HANDLING OF RECONSTRUCTION WILL DETERMINE HIS POLITICAL EFFECTIVENESS AND THE LONG-TERM INFLUENCE OF THE PRI.

"RECONSTRUCTION WILL PUT A SERIOUS ECONOMIC STRAIN ON MEXICO NO MATTER HOW MUCH FOREIGN AID IT RECEIVES. IT WILL HIT HARD AT THE TWO AREAS MEXICO HAS BEEN STRUGGLING MOST TO CONTROL: GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE AND IMPORTS. AT A TIME OF ECONOMIC CRISIS, WHEN THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SPENDING A LOT LESS MONEY, IT WILL HAVE TO SPEND A LOT MORE."

UN: LOUIS WIZNITZER, P. 2 ("LATIN LEADERS' SHRILL NOTE AT THE UN") NOTES DEBT STATEMENTS FROM BRAZILIAN PRES. SARNEY AND PERUVIAN PRES. GARCIA. A US DIPLOMAT SAID, "THIS IS NOT UTOPIAN OR UNREALISTIC TALK ABOUT A NEW ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER... IT IS A REVOLT BY SOME OF OUR CLOSEST PARTNERS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CATASTROPHE IF WE DON'T MOVE QUICKLY TO EASE THEIR BURDEN."

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MEXICO: DAVID CLARK SCOTT, P. 5 FROM NEW YORK ("SHARP DROP IN POST-QUAKE TOURISM COMES AT A BAD TIME FOR MEXICO") REPORTS TOURISM MINISTER SAVIGNAC'S STATEMENTS THAT TOURIST AREAS ARE OPERATING NORMALLY. BOXED QUOTE: "MY TASK IS TO PUT THIS INTO PROPER PROPORTION. MOST OF THE COUNTRY IS OPERATING NORMALLY. IF THIS COMES ACROSS, PEOPLE WILL REALIZE THEY CAN CONTINUE WITH THEIR PLANS TO VISIT MEXICO, INCLUDING MOST OF MEXICO CITY."

NICARAGUA: JOHN HUGHES OP-ED, P. 14 ("A MARXIST AGENDA") REVIEWS SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN'S "NICARAGUA, REVOLUTION IN THE FAMILY," FINDS EVIDENCE WHICH "EFFECTIVELY SCOTCHES THE THEORY THAT THE SANDINISTAS WERE UNWILLING CONVERTS TO RADICALISM."

MEXICO: GEORGE W. GRAYSON PIECE, P. 14 FROM MEXICO CITY ("MEXICO'S VITAL OIL CONNECTION") FINDS THAT "...OIL MAY WELL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AS A VITAL REVENUE SOURCE AS THE NATION'S LEADERSHIP SEEKS TO FIND THE REVENUES NECESSARY TO REBUILD FROM THE CURRENT DESTRUCTION."

MEXICO: EDI 15 ("MEXICAN AID") APPLAUDS THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE, FORESEES LONG-RANGE REBUILDING NEEDS. "...IT IS IMPORTANT THAT... THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROVIDE REBUILDING FUNDS UNDER GENEROUS REPAYMENT. SHORT-TERM HUMAN REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET, AND THE LONGER TERM REBUILDING OF BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES IS IMPORTANT TO MEXICO'S ECONOMIC FUTURE."

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MEXICO: ERIC BRAZIL/L.A. JOLIDON "COVER STORY" IS ("MEXICO'S RACE AGAINST TIME; CITY UNEARTHES NEW MIRACLES; BABIES FOUND").

EL SALVADOR: P. 6 BRIEF ("KIDNAPPERS WANT REBELS FREED") NOTES DEMAND FOR 34 IMPRISONED REBELS IN EXCHANGE FOR DUARTE'S DAUGHTER.

BALTIMORE SUN --

MEXICO: JAMES BOCK, P. F1 FROM MEXICO CITY ("MEXICO ACCEPTS AID, HOLDS LITTLE HOPE FOR SURVIVORS"): "...MEXICO SAID IT WOULD ACCEPT SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL LENDING AGENCIES' OFFERS OF EMERGENCY AID. THE WORLD BANK HAS EARMARKED \$800 MILLION AND THE IADB \$300 MILLION. THE IMF EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO HELP."

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COLOMBIA: BOB ROBINSON, P. 4 ("COLOMBIA WINS EXTRADITION OF REPUTED COCAINE KINGPIN") REPORTS EXTRADITION OF JORGE OCHOA VASQUEZ FROM SPAIN TO COLOMBIA. "SPAIN DENIED A US REQUEST TO EXTRADITE MR. OCHOA, BUT THE US IS EXPECTED TO SEEK HIS EXTRADITION THROUGH COLOMBIA UNDER AN ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS."

MEXICO: JAMES MORRISON, P. 6 FROM MEXICO CITY: ("SURVIVORS STILL FOUND FIVE DAYS AFTER QUAKE").

EL SALVADOR: SAME PAGE BRIEF: ("DUARTE KIDNAPPERS SET DEADLINE").

NICARAGUA: SAME COLUMN ("KILLER EPIDEMIC SWEEPS

NICARAGUA") NOTES UP TO 20 DEATHS FROM DENGUE FEVER.  
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EFFORTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 25

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE STATUS OF VARIOUS U.S. RESCUE AND  
OTHER ACTIVITIES AS OF MID-DAY ON SEPTEMBER 25.

2. U.S. RESCUE TEAM UNCOVERS ANOTHER LIVE PERSON IN

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IN THE EARLY HOURS OF TODAY AT THE COLLAPSED NUEVO LEON  
APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE TLLTELOLCO AREA (VISITED  
SEPTEMBER 23 BY FIRST LADY NANCY REAGAN), A U.S. RESCUE  
TEAM WAS ABLE TO LOCATE ANOTHER LIVE PERSON UNDER THE  
RUBBLE WHO WAS THEN DUG UP AND PULLED OUT.

3. FIVE LIVE BABIES RESCUED BY U.S. TEAM AT JUAREZ

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 AT THE RUINED JUAREZ HOSPITAL SITE THIS MORNING, ANOTHER U.S. RESCUE TEAM, THIS ONE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FIRE DEPARTMENT, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING LOCATE SOME FIVE BABIES ALIVE UNDER THE RUBBLE IN THE AREA OF WHAT HAD BEEN THE HOSPITAL'S MATERNITY WARD. (THIS IS THE SAME SITE AND AREA WHERE A U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE RESERVE TEAM ON SEPTEMBER 24 HAD ALSO LOCATED AND PULLED OUT ALIVE FROM THAT LOCATION TWO OTHER INFANTS.) ACCORDING TO THE DADE COUNTY CREW, THERE ARE OTHER LIVE PERSONS STILL TRAPPED IN THE RUBBLE OF THE JUAREZ HOSPITAL, INCLUDING A NURSE THAT THE TEAM IS IN VOICE CONTACT WITH BUT IS HAVING DIFFICULTY REACHING BECAUSE SHE IS TRAPPED BEHIND MASSIVE BLOCKS OF CONCRETE WEIGHING MANY TONS.

#### 4. U.S. CASUALTY FIGURES

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 AS OF NOON ON SEPTEMBER 25 THE AMERICAN CASUALTY FIGURES IN THE TWO MEXICO CITY EARTHQUAKES INCLUDE FIVE CONFIRMED DEAD, PLUS 28 AMERICANS MISSING (MOST OF WHOM ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESUMED DEAD BECAUSE MOST WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN STAYING IN ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE HOTELS WHICH COLLAPSED AND BURIED HOTEL GUESTS IN THEIR RUBBLE), PLUS SEVEN AMERICANS WHO WERE INJURED AND WHO WERE TREATED IN HOSPITALS AND OTHER PLACES AND RELEASED. CASUALTY FIGURES AMONG THE GENERAL POPULATION AT THIS TIME, ACCORDING TO THE MEXICO CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDE, TO DATE 4,596 KNOWN DEAD, 1,500 PERSONS BURIED (OR STILL TRAPPED) IN THE RUBBLE, 8,334 PERSONS INJURED, AND 31,000 HOMELESS.

#### 5. ACTIVITIES OF U.S. DEMOLITION TEAM

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 THE U.S. DEMOLITION TEAM, WORKING IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES, HAVE FOUND 400 BUILDINGS IN MEXICO CITY TOTALLY DESTROYED, 700 ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS SEVERELY DAMAGED (WHICH BUILDINGS WILL HAVE TO BE PULLED DOWN), AND 57 BUILDINGS ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSING. THE U.S. TEAM BELIEVES THAT NO BUILDING WILL BE IMPODED WITH DEMOLITIONS UNTIL ANOTHER 14 DAYS HAVE PASSED, BECAUSE OF BOTH THE POSSIBILITY OF STILL FINDING SURVIVORS AND BECAUSE OF THE PREPARATIONS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN PREPARING BUILDINGS FOR DEMOLITION.

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 THM WILL STICK BY ITS ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION THAT NO BUILDING FIVE STORIES OR UNDER SHOULD BE BLOWN UP

BECAUSE THOSE SMALLER BUILDINGS CAN BE DEMOLISHED BETTER BY TRADITIONAL METHODS (E.G., BY HAND OR WITH BALL AND CRANE WRECKING EQUIPMENT). THE PROCESS OF DEMOLISHING BUILDINGS WILL BE ONE OF MANY MONTHS, AT THE MINIMUM.

6. PERSONNEL BROUGHT IN BY U.S. GOVERNMENT

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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BY NOW HAS BROUGHT IN OVER 200

SPECIALIZED RESCUE AND RELIEF PERSONNEL TO MEXICO CITY TO HELP THE MEXICANS DEAL WITH THIS TRAGEDY. THESE INCLUDE INTER ALIA, THE DOG, SEISMIC, TV RESCUE, U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE, AND DEMOLITION TEAMS. THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE TDY PERSONNEL SENT TO THE EMBASSY FROM OTHER FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS, VOLUNTEERS FROM THE LOCAL AMERICAN AND EMBASSY COMMUNITIES WHO ARE HELPING OUT IN THE EFFORT, UNCLASSIFIED

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NOR NUMEROUS AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE COME DOWN TO MEXICO ON THEIR OWN TO HELP OUT.

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7. MORE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE PERSONNEL ARRIVED SEPT. 25  
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THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE TEAM, SENT BACK TO THE U.S. TODAY ITS FIRE-FIGHTING HELICOPTERS, AFTER DETERMINING THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. THE 26-MEMBER TEAM ITSELF, HOWEVER, REGARDED AS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, REMAINS BEHIND HERE IN METO CONTINUE ITS ONGOING RESCUE OPERATIONS. IT HAS BEEN JOINED TODAY BY TWO MORE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE RESCUE TEAMS FROM THE U.S., AS WELL AS BY 20 FIRE FIGHTING/RESCUE PERSONNEL FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, A WELCOME ADDITION OF SOME 60 RESCUE PERSONNEL WHO HAVE ARRIVED ON AIRCRAFT DURING THE DAY.  
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8. U.S. ASSISTANCE EFFORT FINALLY STARTING TO RECEIVE  
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GOOD COVERAGE BY MEXICAN MEDIA  
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USIA AND THE EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE'S OFFICE HAVE DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS VIRTUALLY SATURATED THE MEXICAN PRESS, RADIO ND TV MEDIA WITH STORIES AND INFORMATION ABOUT  
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U.S. ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE QUAKES. THIS EFFORT HAS STARTED TO PAY OFF, AND WE HAVE NOTICED THAT THE MEXICAN MEDIA ARE NOW STARTING TO PAY ATTENTION TO AND REPORT ON AMERICAN RESCUE AND RELIEF EFFORTS.  
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9. SUPPLY OF FOOD AND MEDICINES POSES NO PROBLEM - WATER  
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ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING U.S. AND MEXICAN EXPERTS, AGREE THAT THE SUPPLY OF FOOD AND OF MEDICINES IS NOT A PROBLEM HERE NOW. SANITATION, AND MORE PARTICULARLY WATER, ARE NOW BEING CLOSELY ADDRESSED BY THE U.S. ASSESSMENT TEAMS. THERE ARE REPORTEDLY 3.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN MEXICO CITY WITHOUT AN ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY, ALTHOUGH A MAJORITY OF THESE PERSONS ALLEGEDLY DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE WATER EVEN BEFORE THE QUKES. IN ONE AREA OF MEXICO CITY WHICH IS REGARDED AS PARTICULARLY ACUTE, THERE ARE REPORTEDLY 1.3 MILLION PERSONS WITHOUT WATER. IT APPEARS THE PROBLEM MAY BE MORE ONE OF DISTRIBUTION THAN OF OVERALL SUPPLY, INASMUCH AS MANY AREAS OF THE CITY HAVE A COMPLETELY ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WATER.

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10. MEXICO AMCHAM COLLECTING 600 MILLION PESOS  
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TYPICAL OF THE OUTPG OF GENEROUS ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF EFFORTS HERE IN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS THE EFFORT OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MEXICO. THE AMCHAM HAS ALREADY COLLECTED 25 MILLION MEXICAN PESOS FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND EXPECT TO COLLECT A TOTAL OF 600 MILLION PESOS.

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11. TOTAL VALUE OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO DATE.  
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OUR AID ESTIMATES THAT THE VALUE OF U.S. GOODS AND SERVICES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, ALREADY BROUGHT INTO MEXICO SINCE THE EARTHQUAKE AT APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS, AND ESTIMATES THAT ANOTHER 3 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH IS CURRENTLY IN THE PIPELINE AND WILL BE ARRIVING IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.  
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1. ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 25 FEDERAL DISTRICT REGENT AGUIRRE VELAZQUEZ HELD A CEREMONY TO HONOR THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TEAMS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING IN MEXICO CITY. HE AWARDED A MEDAL TO REPRESENTATIVES OF AT LEAST TWENTY COUNTRIES WHO HAD TEAMS CURRENTLY IN THE CITY. THE U.S. WAS REPRESENTED BY ITS DOG TEAM, WITH HANDLERS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF WHICH MADE A SPEECH IN SPANISH THANKING THE MAYOR FOR THE AWARD AND WISHING THE BEST FOR THE MEXICAN PEOPLE. IT WAS A SIMPLE BUT HEARTFELT  
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CEREMONY.

2. A PLANE ARRIVED FROM TEXAS LATE AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 24, CARRYING MEDICINES, CLOTHING AND OTHER SUPPLIES FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS. A SECOND PLANE ALSO CHARTERED AND FILLED BY TEXANS IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT ABOUT 5:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 25. THE TEXAS STATE GOVERNMENT HAS INITIATED A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE 15 MILLION DOLLARS, CALLING IT A DOLLAR PER TEXAN CAMPAIGN.  
THE FOLLOWING ARE REPORTS FROM EMBOFFS WHO OVERFLEW

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TODAY AN EXTENSIVE AREA SURROUNDING THE FEDERAL DISTRICT.

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A. WE FOLLOWED RT. 95 TO CUERNAVACA, OVERFLEW THE CITY, THEN FLEW DIRECTLY TO TAXCO. FROM TAXCO WE FLEW ROUGHLY DUE NORTH TO THE VICINITY OF TIANGUISTENCO, SE OF TOLUCA, THEN OVER THE DESIERTO DE LOS LEONES AND BACK INTO MEXICO. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE ANYWHERE IN THE AREA INSPECTED: NO BUILDINGS WERE DOWN, TRAFFIC WAS NORMAL ON ALL ROADS, POWER LINES AND RAIL LINES WERE INTACT, AND THERE WAS NO SIGN OF WATER BEING DISTRIBUTED ANYWHERE. WE HAD A GOOD LOOK AT SOME OF THE HOTELS IN TAXCO: THE MONTE TAXCO, DE LA BORDA, AND RANCHO VICTORIA ALL LOOKED UNDAMAGED - AS DID THE ENTIRE TOWN.

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ON RETURNING TO MEXICO CITY, WE MADE A QUICK OVERFLIGHT OF THE TOWN. THE BULK OF THE CITY, AS ALL REPORTS HAVE INDICATED, IS UNTOUCHED. THERE IS ALMOST NO MAJOR DAMAGE SOUTH OF THE VIADUCTO (WITH THE SIGNIFICANT EXCEPTION OF THE AREA AROUND THE SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT - LAZARO CARDENAS AND XOLA - WHICH HAS HEAVY DAMAGE) AND NORTH OF THE CIRCUITO INTERIOR. EVEN WITHIN

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THOSE LIMITS, 90 PERCENT OF THE STRUCTURES LOOK INTACT FROM THE AIR. HOWEVER, IT IS STILL STRIKING THAT THE MOST HEAVILY DAMAGED BUILDINGS ARE LARGE OFFICE BUILDINGS AND HIGH-RISE APARTMENTS, SO THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES PER DAMAGED BUILDING MUST HAVE BEEN HIGH.

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B. PUEBLA DID NOT SUFFER ANY SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE IN THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES, ALTHOUGH BOTH TREMORS WERE FELT IN THE CITY.

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WE FOLLOWED THE HIGHWAY TO PUEBLA FOR MOST OF THE TRIP, AND OBSERVED NO BLOCKAGE OF TRAFFIC OR OTHER PROBLEMS ON THE ROAD. AS WE LEFT MEXICO CITY, WE COULD EASILY SEE LINES OF PEOPLE WAITING FOR WATER ON STREET CORNERS. WE DID NOT OBSERVE THIS PHENOMENON IN ANY OF THE CITIES WE PASSED ENROUTE TO PUEBLA, OR IN THAT CITY ITSELF. WONCLUDED THAT ALL THESE CITIES AND TOWNS HAVE NORMAL WATER SERVICE.

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A VOLKSWAGEN PLANT OUTSIDE OF PUEBLA APPEARED TO BE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY - ITS PARKING LOT WAS FILLED WITH CARS. WE CIRCLED THE UNIVERSITY OF THE AMERICAS SEVERAL TIMES, AND ALL APPEARED TRANQUIL. PEOPLE WERE STROLLING ON THE CAMPUS, AND SOME WERE SWIMMING LAPS IN THE POOL. NO BUILDINGS SHOWED DAMAGE OF ANY KIND.

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UPON LANDING AT THE PUEBLA MILITARY AIRPORT, WE WENT TO



THE PRESIDENCIA MUNICIPAL AND SPOKE WITH LIC. FRANCISCO SOROA DE LAS CUEVAS, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS. HE DISCUSSED THE CITY'S CURRENT SITUATION. BRIEFLY, IT IS TOTALLY NORMAL. NO STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS, NO INJURIES OR LOSS OF LIFE, NO DAMAGE TO LOCAL INDUSTRY. WE LATER WENT TO THE LOCAL OFFICES OF EL HERALDO DE

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MEXICO, WHERE WE WERE TOLD AGAIN THAT THE CITY AND SURROUNDING AREA, INCLUDING CHOLULA, HAD SUFFERED NO DAMAGES. IN CAR TRIPS THROUGH THE CITY, WE OBSERVED NO



SIGNS OF PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE QUAKE.

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C. ON A ONE HOUR HELICOPTER TOUR OF THE NORTHERN D.F. AND MEXICO STATE BORDERING THE NORTHERN D.F., WE SAW SIGNS OF NORMAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY; THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE OR NO DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF LAST  
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THURSDAY'S EARTHQUAKE.

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DURING THE TOUR, WE PASSED OVER THE FOLLOWING AREAS AND COLONIAS: AZTECA, ECOTEPEC, COACALCO, TULTITLAN, CUAUTITLAN, VALLEJO, TLANEPANTLA, AND THE AZCAPOTZALCL PEMEX REFINERY.

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THE 70 METRE CONCRETE SMOKE STACK AT THE NATIONAL DE VIDRIO PLANT SHOWED NO DAMAGE, NOR DID THE LARGE GRAIN ELEVATORS OR THE CEMENT FACTORIES WHICH WE PASSED. WE FLEW OVER A LARGE POWER PLANT. ELEVEN OF 16 TURBINES WERE OPERATING ATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THE CONASUPO MILK PROCESSING FACILITY ALSO SEEMED TO BE OPERATING AS USUAL.

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THE HIGHWAYS AND RAILROAD TRACKS WERE INTACT AND HAD NORMAL TRAFFIC. NONE OF THE RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES SHOWED ANY DAMAGE FROM THE AIR. ALL COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ELECTRIC POWER LINES WE SAW REMAIN INTACT.

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DURING THE FLIGHT, WE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING PLANTS AND WAREHOUSES WHICH APPEARED TO BE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY: SEMSA, AHMSA, NUEVA FACTORIA DE VIDRIO (GLASS FACTORY), TUCOTAL, CASA DONDISCH (OUR PILOT TOLD US IT US IT IS A SOAP FACTORY), FASA FERRETERA, FAIRBANKS-MORSE DIVISION, VIDRIERA LOS REYES (ANOTHER GLASS FACTORY), ALMACENES NACIONALES DE DESPOSITOS, MOBIL OIL (MANY TANKS,

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ALL INTACT), JOHNSON (WAX), HOOVER, UNIROYAL, CERVEZERIA MODELO WAREHOUSE, SEARS, SHERWIN-WILLIAMS, THE LARGE FFCC (RAILROAD) REPAIR FACILITY, SEVERAL LARGE  
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AUTOMOBILE STORAGE LOTS, AND THE PEMEX COMPLEX.

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4. MONDAY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 23, AID WAS CONTACTED BY ING. M. ROBERTO OCAMPO FRANCO, SUBGERENTE DE OBRAS, COMISION DE VIALIDAD Y TRANSPORTE URBANO. HE CALLED

TO INFORM US THAT MAJ. STA. MARIA OF THE MEXICN ARMY HAD JUST BEEN ASSIGNED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERMINING WHAT BUILDINGS WILL BE DESTROYED (BY EXPLOSIVE MEANS). HE SAID THAT MAJ. STA. MARIA WISHED TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF THE DEMOLITION EXPERTISE WHICH WE HAD AVAILABLE. A MEETING WAS HELD AT 1900 HOURS.

5. THE MEETING WENT EXTREMELY WELL FROM A POINT OF VIEW OF COOPERATION. THE GOM WAS ASSURED THAT THEY WERE IN CHARGE AND THAT WE WERE HERE SOLELY TO ASSIST THEM. WE COLLECTIVELY DETERMINED A SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COOPERATION, METHODS OF EVALUATION AND UNDERSTANDING THE GOM WOULD HAVE FINAL SAY AS TO WHAT AND WHEN A BUILDING WOULD BE "SHOT." WE WOULD ADVISE ON THE "HOW". THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH THE DETERMINATION THAT MAJ. STA. MARIA'S SHOULD TOUR SPECIFIC BUILDING SITES WITH OUR DEMOLITION TEAM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1985.

6. THE CENTER OF GRAVITY OF RELIEF OPERATIONS HAS NOW BECOME THE AID COMMAND CENTER WHICH CONTINUES TO OPERATE WITH A FULL HEAD OF STEAM ON A 24 HOUR A DAY BASIS. IN RESPONDING TO MEXICAN NEEDS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE EARTHQUAKE. THE AID CENTER IS COORDINATING ALL OF THE VARIOUS RELIEF TEAMS, DEMOLITION TEAMS, AND BUILDING, WATER AND SHELTER ASSESSMENT TEAMS, MOST OF WHICH ARE WORKING NIGHT SHIFTS OR REPORTING AND EVALUATING THEIR ACTIVITIES LONG INTO THE NIGHT. THE AID CENTER IS ALSO SUPERVISING A 24-HOUR RECEIVING, WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION OPERATION FOR RELIEF

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SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. WE ARE PREPARING IN A  
SEPARATE CABLE, A STATUS REPORT ON OUR STAFFING  
REQUIREMENTS AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT  
PERSONNEL IN THE COMING WEEKS. GAVIN

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1. SUPPLIES PROCURED BY ZACKERY UNDER AID CONTRACT  
ARRIVED ON FLIGHT TODAY. ALL ITEMS ON MANIFEST  
ACCOUNTED FOR. SHIPMENT DID NOT INCLUDE BITTS, OIL  
MANIFOLD, OR SPECIAL OIL, THEREFORE, JACKHAMMERS  
ARE UNUSABLE AT THIS TIME. UNFORTUNATE THAT MORE  
TIME IS LOST TO LIFE-SAVING EFFORT.

2. OFFER BY LOS ANGELES SISTER CITY PROGRAM TO  
SEND HEAVY EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN NOTED. EMBASSY IS  
PLEASED TO SEE THE GENEROUS OUTPOURING OF RELIEF  
ASSISTANCE BY U.S. CITIZENS.  
(AID:BMOSS) GAVIN

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AMBASSADOR:

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1. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE BE SEATED LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN.  
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2. WE'RE GOING TO DIVIDE THIS CONFERENCE INTO THREE  
SEGMENTS, IF WE MAY. WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO DO FIFTEEN  
MINUTE SEGMENTS. I WILL DO ONE AND THEN SAM TAYLOR, WHO  
IS THE CHIEF OF OUR AID SECTION, AND WHO HAS BEEN CHAIRING  
THE GROUP FOR RELIEF AND RESCUE, ALONG WITH BOB  
PASTORINO, AND CERTAIN OTHERS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF  
THE THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, MR. MORRIS BUSBY,  
AND OF COURSE, MYSELF. THEN HE WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE  
RESOURCES WE HAVE ON PEOPLE, ON DOGS, ON SEISMIC AND

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TELEVISION CAMERA TEAMS, AND ON DEMOLITION EXPERTS. RAY LYNCH AND THE RESOURCE PEOPLE ON VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS WILL SPEAK ABOUT THEIR WORK. HANDOUTS ARE AVAILABLE ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION I HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY MY PRESS OFFICER, LEE JOHNSON, ON MY STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION AS OF YESTERDAY, ON UNITED STATES RECOVERY ASSISTANCE TO DATE, WHICH INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT WE BROUGHT IN, THE NUMBER OF TEAMS WE BROUGHT IN, HUMAN AS WELL AS ANIMAL, DOG TEAMS, SEISMIC AND TV CAMERA TEAMS, DEMOLITION EXPERTS. WE WILL TRY TO GIVE YOU UP-DATE STATISTICS ON THE PLANES AND THEIR CARGOES. WE WILL TRY TO GIVE YOU STATISTICS ON INJURIES, DEAD, AND THE MISSING THAT WE HAVE. WE'LL GIVE YOU VIEWS ON WHERE WE STAND NOW. WE ARE APPROACHING, QUITE OBVIOUSLY, THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS EMERGENCY. WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIND PEOPLE WHO ARE ALIVE, BUT BLATANTLY, TIME IS RUNNING OUT. WE HAVE TO ASSESS THE NEW PRIORITIES AS THINGS DEVELOP. WE ARE ADDRESSING WATER AND SANITATION NEEDS. TO DATE, WE HAVE SEEN NO HEALTH HAZARDS PRESENTED. DECOMPOSING BODIES, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE VERY UNPLEASANT, BUT THE MEDICAL OFFICERS TELL US THAT THEY DO NOT PRESENT A HEALTH HAZARD AS SUCH. THERE IS THE FICTION IN SOME QUARTERS, THAT JUST SMELLING THIS

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UNPLEASANT, VERY UNPLEASANT STENCH, CAN BE INJURIOUS TO HEALTH. IT IS NOT, WE ARE ASSURED. WE WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE, AS THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARE DOING, THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO BOIL WATER FOR AT LEAST FIFTEEN MINUTES, AND THAT IT WILL KILL ALL WATER-BORN INFECTIOUS AGENTS.

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THAT, OF COURSE, IS A NORMAL PROCEDURE HERE ANYWAY, AS ALL OF YOU KNOW.

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3. IN THE SECOND PHASE OF OUR EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHAT RECONSTRUCTION FACILITIES ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED, WE ARE DEALING WITH DEMOLITION TEAMS, AND SOME OF THEM, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO WORK, AND TODAY WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN INFORMATION ABOUT ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE, OR HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO BE DESTROYED. SHELTER QUESTIONS HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED TEMPORARY AS WELL AS LONG TERM. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED, AND WE HAVE INVESTIGATED THIS, THAT THERE IS NO FOOD OR MEDICINE SHORTAGE IN MEXICO.

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4. IN THE THIRD PHASE, THE COUNTRY IS GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH ITS LONG TERM PROBLEMS, AND I KNOW MANY OF YOU HAVE THE QUESTION OF MEXICO'S MACRO-ECONOMIC LONG TERM PROBLEMS AND ITS DEBT PROBLEMS. IT'S TOO EARLY FOR US TO SPECULATE ON THE SPECIFICS OF THIS SITUATION. I'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS OVER THE LAST 24 HOURS WITH

THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY OF MEXICO, WITH THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, WITH THE SECRETARY OF GOBERNACION, AND WE TRANSLATE TO INTERIOR, BUT AS YOU KNOW IT IS NOT COMPARABLE TO OUR SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERIOR, IT IS THE SECRETARIAT OF GOVERNMENT, AMONG OTHERS, AND WITH PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID, HIMSELF. THEY RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A MODIFIED PLAN BECAUSE OF THIS UNFORTUNATE CALAMITY, AND THEY ARE WORKING ON IT, BUT THERE IS NOTHING AT

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THIS TIME. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED, AS A COUNTRY: WE  
WOULD LIKE TO HELP BILATERALLY. WE HOPE, OF COURSE,  
THERE WILL BE MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE AS WELL.  
CONVERSATIONS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE  
SECRETARY OF TREASURY HERE AND TOM CLAUSON, OF THE  
WORLD BANK, LIC. ORTIZ MENA, OF THE INTERAMERICAN  
DEVELOPMENT BANK, MR. VOLCKER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE,  
AND OTHERS. WE ARE TRYING TO SET UP CONVERSATIONS WITH  
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REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE, OF TREASURY, OF THE NATIONAL  
SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND  
BUDGET, WITH AUTHORITIES HERE, IN TRYING TO MODIFY  
AND PREPARE A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

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5. HOWEVER, ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF THIS POINT, I THINK  
IT IS BETTER IF YOU ADDRESS THEM TO THE MEXICAN  
AUTHORITIES.  
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6. WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH GREREST SEVERAL HUMAN INTEREST STORIES. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STOP THE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS WHEN OUR RESCUE TEAMS FOUND THAT THEY HAD DISCOVERED THE POSSIBILITY OF LIFE THROUGH THEIR SENSING DEVICES, BOTH THE SOUND, SEISMIC, AND TELEVISION SENSING DEVICES, AND IN SOME CASES, I AM HAPPY TO REPORT TO YOU WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. ONE EXAMPLE OF THAT, A NOT SO SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE BUT STILL AN EXAMPLE WHERE WE HAVE GIVEN ASSISTANCE, WAS OVER HERE AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL. I HAD A CALL YESTERDAY FROM THE DOYEN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, THE AMBASSADOR OF PANAMA HERE, EMILIA AROSEMENA, AND EMILIA SAID TO ME THAT SHE HAD IN HER OFFICE SOME PANAMANIAN WHO WERE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN PANAMA. THEY WERE HERE TRYING TO FIND THEIR FAMILIES, WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL. WE HAD ASSUMED THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, PARDON ME, THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL, NOT INTERCONTINENTAL, THE CONTINENTAL. WE HAD ASSUMED THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL HAD BEEN COMPLETELY EVACUATED. AS IT TURNS OUT, IT HAD NOT BEEN. WE SENT TEAMS IN THERE. THEY DID FIND BODIES. THEY DID IDENTIFY SOME PEOPLE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE WAS FOUND ALIVE.

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7. I BELIEVE I TOLD MOST OF YOU YESTERDAY ABOUT THE REMARKABLE HUMAN INTEREST STORY -- DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY -- ON THE VISIT OF MRS. REAGAN, WHERE WE FOUND PLACIDO DOMINGO AT THE RUINS OF THE TLALTELOLCO DISASTER, OF THE NUEVO LEON BUILDING. WE HAVE PUT OUR PEOPLE IN TOUCH WITH PLACIDO, BEGINNING MONDAY AFTERNOON. WE SENT SPECIAL TEAMS FOR RESCUE; WE'VE HAD SOME SUCCESSES IN FINDING SOME PEOPLE I UNDERSTAND, BUT I AM VERY SAD TO REPORT, THAT AT THIS MOMENT, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE FOUNDATIONS IN THE BASEMENT HAD BEEN FOUND TO BE FLOODED AND THAT ANYONE WHO WAS THERE, IS OBVIOUSLY NOT GOING TO BE A SURVIVOR. WE SENT A GREAT DEAL OF EQUIPMENT THROUGH AND WITH PLACIDO, AND OUR OWN PEOPLE, BUT THEY WILL REPORT TO YOU ON THE SPECIFICS OF IT. IT INCLUDES CRANE TEAMS, GAS MASKS, NOT GAS MASKS PER SE, BUT THE KIND OF MASKS THEY USE FOR BEING ABLE TO BREATHE FROM THAT KIND OF A SITUATION. AS YOU KNOW, BREATHING A LOT, AROUND CONCRETE OR CEMENT DUST, CAN BE VERY DETRIMENTAL. SO, THE MASKS AND THE REPLACEMENT PARTS THAT GO INTO THESE MASKS HAVE BEEN SENT.

AT LEAST ONE LIVE PERSON WAS PULLED OUT OF THAT BUILDING, HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF EFFORTS THAT WE COOPERATED IN, AS LATE AS 10:00 LAST NIGHT.

8. I WOULD LIKE TO RUN OVER A LITTLE BIT OF THE AID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS GIVEN MEXICO UP TO THIS MOMENT. AND I SHOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COMPLETE AND CLOSE COORDINATION ON THIS MATTER, THERE ARE A GREAT MANY VOLUNTEER AGENCIES. PEOPLE COME DOWN, PLANES COME DOWN, SUPPLIES COME DOWN. SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE DEALING IN PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE SITUATIONS WHICH WE EITHER DON'T KNOW ABOUT, OR FIND

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OUT ABOUT MUCH LATER. I HAVE NO IRE OR RESENTMENT ABOUT  
THAT. PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME, BUT WE ARE JUST NOT  
ABLE TO GIVE YOU SPECIFIC FIGURES BECAUSE OF THIS. SO  
THE FIGURES I WILL GIVE YOU ARE WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR  
ACCOUNTING. THE TRUE FIGURES WILL EXCEED THESE, AND  
I THINK BY POSSIBLY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS. AT THIS MOMENT  
WE HAVE BROUGHT DOWN A MINIMUM OF TWO AND A HALF MILLION  
IN MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT. WE ALREADY HAVE THOSE IN  
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MEXICO. WE HAVE AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO AND A HALF MILLION  
DOLLARS IN MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT THAT IS ON THE WAY.  
WE HAVE A CHECK FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS, AS YOU KNOW,  
THAT WAS PRESENTED BY MRS. REAGAN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MEXICO, THROUGH THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST  
LADY OF MEXICO. WE HAVE SOME COMMUNICATIONS GEAR COMING. THEY ARE ARRANGING  
AT THIS VERY MOMENT SOME FLIGHTS,  
SOME AIRCRAFT, TO CARRY THAT GEAR DOWN IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE AUTHORITIES HERE, THE SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT AND  
THE SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT, AND THE

HEAD OF TELEFONOS DE MEXICO, AND ALSO THEY HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH TECHNICIANS FROM THE TELEVISION NETWORK, TELEvisa. WE SHOULD HAVE THOSE IN PLACE, I HOPE, WITHIN HOURS, AND WE WILL HOPE THOSE WILL RELIEVE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS. WE HAVE SEVERAL OFFERS OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONALLY, AND WE WILL BE STUDYING THOSE IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS AND SEE IF THE AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US BRING THOSE DOWN AS WELL.

9. IN THE AREA OF CASUALTIES, AS OF 1100 TODAY, OUR OFFICIAL CASUALTY FIGURES ARE 4,596 DEAD, ACCORDING TO THE MEXICO CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT; 8,334 INJURED; 31,000 HOMELESS, AND 1500 PEOPLE STILL BELIEVED TO

BE TRAPPED IN THE RUBBLE. THAT FIGURE COULD BE GREATER. WE DON'T KNOW AT THIS TIME. ACCORDING TO THE MEXICAN CENSUS OF 1980, THERE WERE 417,000 AMERICANS LIVING IN MEXICO, IN THE ENTIRE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO. I REPEAT, ACCORDING TO THE MEXICAN CENSUS OF 1980, YES. THAT IS THE FIGURE FOR MEXICO IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE FIGURE THAT WE HAVE FOR AMERICANS RESIDING PERMANENTLY IN MEXICO CITY  
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IS APPROXIMATELY 138 TO 140,000. I BELIEVE I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT AT ANY ONE TIME WE ESTIMATE THAT WE WOULD HAVE A NUMBER OF TOURISTS RANGING FROM 4,000 TO 4,500 HERE IN MEXICO CITY. WE HAVE FIVE CONFIRMED DEAD. THEIR NAMES, WHICH I BELIEVE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO YOU BEFORE, MARY ELIZABETH VALLEJO, WHOSE HOMETOWN IS COZAD, NEBRASKA, AND HER CHILDREN, ILSA ANN, ILSA ANN AND ALONZO. THEY WERE LONG TIME RESIDENTS OF MEXICO. MRS. GEORGIANA EUNICE, WHOSE HOMETOWN IS SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, HER SON, TEN MONTHS OLD, HIS NAME IS JUAN CARLOS. BRUCE SLOAN, HOMETOWN NET, NEW HAMPSHIRE, WHO DIED IN A HOSPITAL. WE DON'T HAVE ANY AMERICANS THAT WE KNOW OF STILL IN HOSPITALS. SEVEN HAVE BEEN TREATED AND RELEASED THAT WE KNOW OF. TWENTY-EIGHT ARE STILL MISSING. THAT'S 28 THAT WE HAVE NOT ACCOUNTED FOR, THAT WE BELIEVE WOULD BE IN THE, OR WOULD HAVE BEEN, IN THE HOTELS THAT COLLAPSED. OVER 6,000 NAMES OF UNITED STATES RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS IN MEXICO HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE EMBASSY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BRIEF MESSAGES TO THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, OR BUSINESS CONTACTS. AT THIS TIME WE ESTIMATE, AGAIN VERY ROUGHLY, THAT 400 BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED; THAT 700 BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN SEVERELY DAMAGED, AND WILL POSSIBLY HAVE TO BE COLLAPSED, EITHER BY IMPLOSION OR BY TRADITIONAL METHODS, IF THEY ARE SMALLER BUILDINGS. FIFTY-SEVEN ARE AT THIS MOMENT, ACCORDING TO TECHNICIANS, ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE AND HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT WITH PRIORITY. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION BUILDINGS IN THE

FEDERAL DISTRICT OF MEXICO. OF THE BUILDINGS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, SOME ARE LARGE BUILDINGS, OTHERS ARE NOT. I CAN'T GIVE YOU A BREAKDOWN RIGHT NOW ON THAT. OF THE HOTELS, SEVEN WERE DESTROYED: THE REGIS, THE VERSAILLES, THE CARLO, THE CONTINENTAL, THE ROMANO CENTRO, THE PRINCIPADO AND THE FINISTERRE. EIGHTEEN OTHER HOTELS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED AND EVACUATED. THE REST OF THE HOTELS

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IN THIS CITY ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE  
IN SOME CASES, SLIGHT, OR VERY LIMITED DAMAGE.

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10. AS FOR AREAS OUTSIDE OF MEXICO CITY, CUERNAVACA, WE  
DON'T HAVE ANY REPORTS OF DAMAGE TO STRUCTURES. WE HAVE  
NO AMERICANS LISTED AS INJURED OR DEAD. IN ACAPULCO,  
WE HAVE NO DAMAGE TO STRUCTURES, AND WE HAVE NO AMERICANS  
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INJURED OR DEAD. IN MICHOACAN, WE HAVE NO AMERICANS  
INJURED OR DEAD; WE HAVE NO REPORT ON DAMAGE TO STRUCTURES  
-- WE BELIEVE IT'S SLIGHT. IN COLIMA, WE HAVE NO  
AMERICANS INJURIES OR DEAD, INJURED OR DEAD, AND ONCE  
AGAIN, WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF ANY GREAT DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.  
IN IXTAPA, WE HAVE THE REPORT THAT -- THIS IS IXTAPA?  
FINE, I WAS GOING TO SAY THAT WE HAD AT THIS MOMENT, ONLY  
ROUGH REPORTS. AT IXTAPA, WE HAVE SIX HOTELS THA  
ALRIGHT AND IN OPERATION. WE HAVE TWO PARTIALLY OPEN, AND  
THREE NOW CLOSED. THE ARISTOS HAS BEEN EVACUATED, THIS  
IS STILL IN IXTAPA, AND HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE



STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. TWO OTHER HOTELS THAT HAVE BEEN EVACUATED, HAD MINOR DAMAGES WHICH CAN BE REPAIRED. THESE ARE THE SHERATON AND THE RIVERA DE SOL. OTHERS ARE PARTIALLY OPERATING, AS I TOLD YOU. THIS IS AN UPDATE. UP TO YESTERDAY, WE THOUGHT THAT IXTAPA WAS ALRIGHT. WE HAD BEEN GIVEN INFORMATION THAT WAS ERRONEOUS. IXTAPA AS YOU KNOW, IS EXTREMELY CLOSE TO THE EIPCENTER, BOTH TIMES IN THE QUAKES, THE 7.8 AND THE 7.3 QUAKE.

11. LET ME JUST GO ROUGHLY OVER A COUPLE OF OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU, AND THEN I WILL TURN YOU OVER TO SAM TAYLOR.

12. WE HAVE, AS I TOLD YOU, THE OFFERS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND ARE WORKING ON THAT. WE HAVE A REPORT, WHICH PERHAPS MR. TAYLOR CAN GIVE YOU -- DO YOU HAVE THIS, SAM, ON THE SEISMIC TEAMS' ACTIVITIES? WE CAN ALSO POSSIBLY GIVE YOU COPIES ON THAT. IF YOU DON'T HAVE, I HAVE MY REPORT IF YOU WISH TO, TO HAVE IT. WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF OUR TV CAMERA CREWS. WE HAVE THE SEISMIC TEAMS, AND SOME OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION. WE HAVE TRIED TO ELIMINATE ANY PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION  
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AND ORGANIZATION THAT WE MAY HAVE HAD. I MET YESTERDAY WITH SOME OF MY TEAM, WITH THE REGENT, THE GOVERNOR OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT OF MEXICO, ALONG WITH LIAISON THAT HAS BEEN APPOINTED FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR US, AND FOR OTHER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, LIC. VILLASENOR, TO DISCUSS HOW WE COULD BETTER DEFINE THE NEEDS, AS THE RESCUE CONTINUES. AND JUST AS IMPORTANTLY, DEFINE WHAT IS NOT NEEDED. WE HAD A VERY USEFUL MEETING. WE CONTINUE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THOSE

AUTHORITIES AS WE TRY TO BRING IN ITEMS THROUGH THE AIRPORT. WE HAVE SET UP AN AIRPORT COORDINATION OFFICE AND ARE DEALING CLOSELY WITH THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OUT THERE, AS WELL AS WITH THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES. WE HAVE KEPT A VERY CLOSE ACCOUNTING AS WE ARE OBLIGED TO DO, OF ALL OF THE MATERIALS THAT HAVE COME IN UNDER OUR CONTROL. WE HAVE KEPT A CLOSE ACCOUNTING OF WHERE THOSE MATERIALS ARE GOING, TO WHOM THEY ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED, AND WE SHALL HAVE THAT IN THE WRAP-UP OF THIS OPERATION, IF AND WHEN THAT TIME COMES. IN THE MEANTIME, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD ON BEHALF OF THIS EMBASSY, A WORD OF GRATITUDE, TO THE CONTINUOUS OUTPOURING OF ASSISTANCE AND HELP THAT WE ARE GETTING FROM OUR COUNTRYMEN, AND FROM OUR VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS, AND WE WILL HEAR FROM SOMEONE REPRESENTING THOSE IN A MOMENT AFTER YOU HEAR FROM MR. TAYLOR. I HAVE ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OFFICES OF GOVERNORS AND AM GOING TO MAKE A REQUEST TO THEM, AND TO ALL THE OTHER GOVERNORS FOR A FUNNELING OF CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THEIR OFFICES, TO THE RELIEF

FUND FOR MEXICO. I WILL BE ASKING MY PRESS OFFICER TO  
RELEASE A COPY OF THIS REQUEST TO YOU LATER ON. PLEASE,  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE NOTE OF IT NOW, BECAUSE WE'LL  
BE GETTING IT SPECIFICALLY. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO NOTE  
THAT MANY MEXICAN ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS, WHICH INCLUDES  
SCHOOL CHILDREN, UNIVERSITIES, AND OTHER GROUPS, ARE

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PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO SHELTERS, TO HOSPITALS, TO  
FOOD KITCHENS, AND OTHER PLACES, IN A WAY THAT IS  
REMARKABLE AND ADMIRABLE. A WARNING SHOULD ALSO BE  
MADE, BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD REPORTS OF, AND IN A COUPLE OF  
CASES CONFIRMED REPORTS OF, THE THEFT OF ITEMS. THERE  
IS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT AT THIS MOMENT THAT WE ARE  
TRYING TO FOLLOW ALSO, OF SOME TRUCKS COMING OUT OF THE  
AIRPORT, DISAPPEARING, AS IT WERE, AND NOT GOING FOR THE  
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END USER THAT WE HAD INTENDED, THAT HAD BEEN INTENDED.  
AS I SAY, WE ARE TRYING TO BE VERY CAREFUL WITH OUR  
ACCOUNTING. SO I WOULD WARN NOT ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO  
ARE TRYING TO DONATE GOODS AND SERVICES, BUT I WOULD  
WARN ALSO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE RECEPTION END OF  
THAT, TO PLEASE BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL.

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13. BEFORE I GO, I WILL RESPOND TO ONE OR TWO OF  
YOUR QUESTIONS. NOT MORE THAN THAT, SO THAT I DON'T  
DELAY THE PRESENTATION WHICH DR. TAYLOR IS GOING TO  
MAKE AND THE OTHERS.

14. WOULD YOU PLEASE, AS IS OUR CUSTOM, IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

REPORTER:

15. (UNINTELLIGIBLE NAME AND NEWSPAPER) MR. AMBASSADOR, YOU MENTIONED THAT AT THIS TIME IT'S PREMATURE TO CALCULATE HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST TO RECONSTRUCT ALL OF THE BUILDINGS, AND THE OTHER SORTS OF DAMAGE THAT HAVE OCCURRED, BUT YOU PREVIOUSLY USED JUST A VERY BALL PARK FIGURE OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. I WONDER IF YOU WANT TO UP THAT FIGURE AT ALL, AND ALSO, IF THERE MIGHT BE A SILVER LINING IN THIS FOR MEXICO, IF THERE IS AN INFUSION OF A LOT OF OUTSIDE AID AND IF THE GOVERNMENT SPENDS A LOT MORE MONEY, MIGHT THE INCREASE IN THE ECONOMY, IN THE SIZE OF THE ECONOMY IN MEXICO, BE SPARED, OR AT LEAST COMPENSATED FOR GIVEN ALL THE DAMAGE THAT HAS OCCURRED HERE.

AMBASSADOR:

15. TO THAT QUESTION I WOULD SAY THAT WE STILL THINK IT'S GOING TO HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. TEN TIMES HUNDRED, A HUNDRED MILLION, I DON'T KNOW IF WE  
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CAN TELL YOU WE'LL MAKE A BILLION, AND, I REPEAT, JUST IN, IN WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO SEE AT THIS TIME, IT WILL BE INDEED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. I THINK WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT SILVER LININGS AND THE INFUSIONS OF CAPITAL, BECAUSE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IS LIABLE TO HYPERINFLATE THIS ECONOMY. I KNOW THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARE VERY AWARE OF THAT AND MUST BE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY INCREASE IN THEIR INFLATION. FOR THAT REASON, I DON'T THINK THEY ARE GOING TO BE ANYTHING LESS THAN CONSERVATIVE IN THEIR APPROACH TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTIES THAT HAVE DROPPED DOWN IN THIS CITY. SOME OF YOU HAVE ALREADY ASKED ME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DECENTRALIZATION OF MEXICO CITY. I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT THE AUTHORITIES, UP TO THE PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL HERE, ARE THINKING PRECISELY ALONG THOSE TERMS. THAT THIS TRAGEDY DOES PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN THE DECENTRALIZATION OF MINISTRIES, SECRETARIATS, AND PERHAPS EVEN THE MOVING OF, AT LEAST THE BEGINNING OF THE MOVE, TO GET SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS CITY WHICH SUFFERS FROM SUCH GREAT NUMBERS AT THIS TIME, OUT OF THIS AREA. BUT  
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THOSE PLANS, THEY WILL HAVE TO MOVE ON.

REPORTER:

16. I AM DAN OLIVER WITH NBC. THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISAGREEMENTS, PERHAPS SOME CONFLICT, BETWEEN SOME OF THE FOREIGN RESCUE TEAMS, PARTICULARLY THE FRENCH AND THE GERMAN, AND THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE WAY THE RESCUE SHOULD BE EFFECTED, THE FOREIGNERS BELIEVING THAT

PERHAPS THE MEXICANS ARE TOO QUICK TO WANT TO BRING  
HEAVY EQUIPMENT INTO SOME OF THE AREAS WHERE THEY  
THINK THERE MAY BE PEOPLE ALIVE, AND THE MEXICANS  
BELIEVING THAT PERHAPS THE FRENCH AND GERMANS ARE GOING  
TOO SLOWLY. WHAT HAS BEEN THE EXPERIENCE OF THE

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AMERICAN RESCUE TEAMS WORKING WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERN-  
MENT HERE AND THE MEXICAN OFFICIALS?

AMBASSADOR:

16. WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, IF  
YOU WANT TO CALL THEM THAT AS WELL. YOU MIGHT EVEN  
SAY, AND I SAY THIS RESPECTFULLY, CONTROVERSIES, BUT  
LET'S UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH PEOPLE WORKING  
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HARD AND HEARLY EXHAUSTED, IF NOT EXHAUSTED, AT THESE  
SITES, WITH NOT ONLY THE PHYSICAL ENDURANCE  
DIMINISHED, BUT ALSO THEIR NERVES FRAYED. AN  
OCCASIONAL HARSH WORD BETWEEN PEOPLE WORKING AT THESE  
SITES HAS GOT TO BE EXCUSED. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT  
EVERYBODY IS TRYING TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO RESCUE  
PEOPLE. THE SAD ASPECT OF THIS, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER,  
IS THAT WITHIN A FEW HOURS OUR HOPES OF BEING ABLE TO  
PULL PEOPLE OUTWILL HAVE VANISHED. YES SIR.

REPORTER:

17. MY NAME IS (UNINTELLIGIBLE), EL PASO HERALD POST.  
IN REGARD TO THE DEMOLITION, HAVE THERE BEEN ANY

OBJECTIONS BY THE MEXICAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE RELATIVES BURIED BENEATH THE BUILDINGS AND IS THERE ANY RISK TO NEARBY BUILDINGS?

AMBASSADOR:

18. TO BEGIN WITH, DEMOLITIONS HAVE NOT BEGUN. DEMOLITION EXPERTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT DOWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO BY US, PRECISELY BECAUSE THEY ARE EXPERTS, AND WHEN THEY DEPLOY THESE BUILDINGS THEY TYPICALLY WILL NOT DAMAGE ANY BUILDINGS THAT ARE NEAR THEM. BUT IN ORDER TO DO THEIR WORK WELL THEY HAVE TO DO IT VERY CAREFULLY; IT IS TIME CONSUMING--IT'S NOT JUST DONE IN A FEW HOURS; IT TAKES THREE, FOUR, AND

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IN SOME CASES, FIVE OR SIX DAYS TO SET UP EXPLOSIVES. I MUST SAY THAT IN DOING THIS, THEY ARE DOING ALL THEIR WORK IN COOPERATION AND WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. AND THEY ARE BEING HELD HARMLESS OF ANY LIABILITY, IN CASE THERE IS ANY QUESTION ABOUT THAT. BUT THEY ARE HERE BECAUSE THEY ARE EXPERTS,  
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AND THEY WILL NOT WORK ON A BUILDING THAT THEY THINK WILL DAMAGE ANOTHER ONE WHEN IT'S EXPLODED, AND THEY HAVE POINTED OUT TO US, AS I BELIEVE I SAID TO YOU BEFORE, AT LEAST TO SOME OF YOU, THAT WHEN A BUILDING IS LESS THAN A CERTAIN SIZE, IT IS NOT EFFICIENT TO USE EXPLOSIVES. IT IS BETTER TO DESTROY IT WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT, BALL AND CHAIN, ETC.

REPORTER:

19. ...PEOPLE THAT HAVE FAMILIES, OR RELATIVES BURIED BENEATH?

AMBASSADOR:

20. I DON'T KNOW OF ANYTHING SPECIFICALLY IN THAT SITUATION. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, I'M SURE THAT WITH NERVES FRAYED AND PEOPLE EXHAUSTED, THERE ARE GOING TO BE COMMENTS, DISCUSSIONS, ARGUMENTS, CONTROVERSIES-- THAT'S ONLY NATURAL, THAT'S ONLY HUMAN NATURE. WE HAVE TO FORGIVE THAT. YES, MISS.

REPORTER:

21. CONNIE VANBUREN (?) FOR ABC IN D HOW DOES THE US GOVERNMENT FEEL ABOUT FRAUD, AND IS THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THIS? ABOUT THE DONATIONS?

AMBASSADOR:

22. I WOULD POINT OUT TO YOU THAT THE THEFT THAT WE KNOW ABOUT IS AN INFINITESIMALLY SMALL AMOUNT OF PERCENTAGE OF THE AID THAT IS ACTUALLY REACHING ITS DESTINATION. I SIMPLY MENTIONED IT BECAUSE I THINK THAT

PEOPLE HAVE TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THESE THINGS. AND OF COURSE, THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD FEEL, AND DO FEEL, EXTREMELY STRONG ABOUT THIS. YES, SIR.

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REPORTER:

23. ALLEN (UI), NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO. MR. AMBASSADOR, COULD YOU ELABORATE ON YOUR REQUEST TO GOVERNORS FOR ADDITIONAL AID AND DOES THAT REQUEST SUGGEST THAT THE ADMINISTRATION FEELS THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE AID AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, AND WILL YOU GIVE ANY CONSIDERATION

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TO THIS CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION THAT A HUNDRED MILLION  
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DOLLARS BE SENT DOWN.

AMBASSADOR:

24. WE HAVE GIVEN GREAT CONSIDERATION AND GREAT GRATITUDE TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION. WE HOPE THAT IT COMES THROUGH. THE PRESIDENT SUPPORTS IT, AND WE HOPE THAT IT'S GOING TO BE ONE OF THE MAJOR FACTORS IN FUNDS FOR THE RESCUE AND RECONSTRUCTION. AS FOR MY COMMENT REGARDING CONTACTING GOVERNORS, THE REASON THAT I INTEND TO DO THAT, AND THE REASON I HAVE DRAFTED AND HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO THEM, IS THAT SO MANY STATES, AND SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE STATES, ARE PUTTING THINGS TOGETHER TO SEND DOWN, THAT AS I HAVE POINTED OUT TO YOU, WE HAVE NO FURTHER NEED AT THIS TIME FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT. IN FACT, IF HEAVY EQUIPMENT IS BROUGHT DOWN HERE IT CAN'T BE USED BECAUSE WE HAVE NO OPERATORS FOR IT. SO YOU WOULD HAVE TO BRING OPERATORS. WE HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR CERTAIN OTHER MATERIALS THAT WERE INITIALLY DEFINED AS NECESSARY. WE HAVE DEFINED, AS I THINK I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY, THE NEED FOR HIGH SPEED SAWS TO CUT THROUGH CONCRETE, METAL, BOLT CUTTERS--THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE BRINGING THOSE IN IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES SO THEY CAN BE USED. WE DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE EFFICIENT OR USEFUL SIMPLY TO BRING EQUIPMENT DOWN HERE AND HAVE IT SIT. THE POINT I AM TRYING TO MAKE IS THAT IF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, IN THE VARIOUS STATES OF OUR UNION, ARE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT PERHAPS CONTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS, OF DOLLARS, ARE THE MOST USEFUL AT THIS TIME, AND WHAT WE HOPE WILL HAPPEN IS THAT THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE THEM THROUGH THE OFFICES OF THEIR GOVERNORS AND THOSE LATER CAN COME DOWN FOR A FUND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF

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HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. THIS FUND HAS BEEN SET UP AND WE EXPECT IT TO BE COMPLETELY CORRECT AND TRANSPARENT IN THE ACCOUNTING SENSE. I'LL TAKE ONE MORE QUESTION, AND THEN I'LL TURN YOU OVER TO MY COLLEAGUES.

REPORTER:

25. DENISE ELLSWORTH, ASSOCIATED PRESS. COULD YOU EXPLAIN A LITTLE MORE SOMETHING YOU SAID A COUPLE OF MINUTES AGO ABOUT SOME DISAGREEMENTS THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED. YOU SAID THAT THE SAD ASPECT WAS THAT WITHIN A FEW HOURS OF SOME KIND OF A DISAGREEMENT, HOPES OF BEING ABLE TO PULL PEOPLE OUT ALIVE WILL HAVE VANISHED. DO YOU MEAN YOU FEEL THERE IS ONLY A FEW MORE HOURS

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LEFT THAT PEOPLE MIGHT SURVIVE AMBASSADOR:

26. YES, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN. I THINK YOU HAVE A LITTLE GARBLE THERE ON WHAT I SAID, OR AT LEAST WHAT I INTENDED TO SAY. THE FACT THAT PEOPLE IN A FEW HOURS WILL NO LONGER BE ALIVE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY EMOTION THAT MAY BE SHOWN BY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO RESCUE THEM. IT IS SIMPLY THAT THE INITIAL TREMOR OCCURRED LAST THURSDAY MORNING AT 7:19. TOMORROW MORNING, AT 7:19, ONE WEEK WILL HAVE GONE BY. THE EXPERTS TELL US THAT AT THE VERY BEST, PEOPLE CAN SURVIVE ONLY TEN DAYS; UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE NORMAL THEY CAN SURVIVE ONLY FROM FOUR TO SEVEN DAYS. SO WHAT I AM SAYING, AND IT IS COMPLETELY EXTRANEIOUS TO ANY EMOTION THAT MIGHT BE SHOWN BY THE RESCUE WORKERS, IS THAT SADLY, BY TOMORROW, WE WILL HAVE VERY SLENDER, VERY SLIM HOPES, IF ANY HOPES AT ALL, OF TRYING TO RESCUE ANYONE ALIVE. BUT LET ME STRESS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO GET PEOPLE OUT AS LONG AS WE ARE ABLE TO--

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AS LONG AS THERE IS EVEN A SHRED OF HOPE--AS LONG AS  
THERE IS EVEN ONE SLENDER BIT OF LIGHT THAT WE CAN  
REACH FOR AT THE END OF THIS CATASTROPHIC TUNNEL.  
I'LL TAKE ONE MORE QUESTION.

REPORTER:  
27. RICH MEISLIN, NEW YORK TIMES. MR. AMBASSADOR, YOU  
TOLD US A FEW DAYS AGO THAT YOUR ESTIMATE WAS THAT WHEN  
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THIS IS ALL OVER THE DEATH TOLL WOULD BE SOMEWHERE NEAR 10,000. YOU DIDN'T REPEAT THAT FIGURE TODAY AND I WAS WONDERING IF YOU STILL STOOD BY IT.

AMBASSADOR:

28. I'M AFRAID I STILL HAVE TO THINK THAT THAT FIGURE IS RELATIVELY CORRECT. I ALSO TOLD YOU THAT I WAS NOT AN EXPERT IN THESE THINGS, BUT FROM THE OVERFLIGHTS THAT I HAVE DONE IN HELICOPTERS, AND FROM THE VISITS TO THE SITES, AND FROM THE INFORMATION THAT WE PICK UP, THAT WE HAVE TO ESTIMATE THAT FIGURE IS STILL RELATIVELY ACCURATE. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT I WILL BE PROVEN WRONG. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT IT WILL BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THAT, BUT AS YOU CAN TELL, WE ALREADY HAVE CONFIRMED NEARLY HALF OF THAT NUMBER, AND THE RESCUE AND DEMOLITION WORK STILL CONTINUES.

29. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM GOING TO TURN YOU OVER TO MR. SAM TAYLOR WHO DIRECTS AID IN THIS OFFICE, IN THIS EMBASSY. THANK YOU.  
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- MORE SURVIVORS FOUND

1. RESCUERS FOUND FIVE MORE SURVIVORS IN THE BENITO JUAREZ HOSPITAL YESTERDAY. DURING THE DAY THREE GIRLS AND A BOY (INFANTS) WERE DISCOVERED ALIVE. AT MIDNIGHT, A WOMEN WAS DISCOVERED ALIVE AT THE SAME SITE. ELSEWHERE, RESCUERS FOUND THREE SURVIVORS IN THE RUINS OF THE LABOR MINISTRY AND A FORTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD MAN IN THE FINISTERRE HOTEL.  
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2. NONETHELESS, DESPITE THE UNABATED PACE OF THE SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS, MOST OF THOSE INVOLVED NOW ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY OF LOCATING MORE SURVIVORS. THE AID RELIEF FORCE NOW IS BEGINNING TO EMPHASIZE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT. STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ARE WORKING WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN WHAT WILL BE A TEDIOUS EVALUATION PROCESS INVOLVING MORE THAN A THOUSAND BUILDINGS. THE AMERICANS--NOTABLY USAID--HAVE EARNED THEMSELVES A GOOD REPUTATION. FOR EXAMON WEDNESDAY, THE LOCAL

REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior Reviewer

UNITED NATIONS COORDINATOR  
CALLED THE EARTHQUAKE COMMAND POST TO ASK SPECIFICALLY  
THAT A U.S. ENGINEER INSPECT A NEWLY APPEARED CRACK  
IN HIS FOURTEENTH FLOOR OFFICES (IT TURNED OUT TO BE  
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E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, MX  
SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT FROM LOS ANGELES

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT A SHIPMENT FROM LOS ANGELES  
OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAY BE SHIPPED MOMENTARILY.

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2. THE SHIPMENT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE MADE AT THIS  
TIME. IT IS NOT NEEDED NOW DURING THE RESCUE PHASE.  
EMBASSY IS ASSESSING SITUATION TO DETERMINE WHAT HEAVY  
EQUIPMENT MIGHT BE NEEDED DURING THE UP-COMING CLEAN-UP  
AND RECONSTRUCTIONS PHASES. THAT ASSESSMENT IS NOT  
COMPLETED. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN WE HAVE THE ASSESSMENT.  
SHIPMENT NOW WOULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE OUR LOGISTICS  
AND PLANNING. GAVIN

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E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX  
SUBJECT: SITREP 59 - MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

1. ALL MAJOR MEXICO CITY DAILIES GIVE 09/26 EXTENSIVE  
COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR GAVIN'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF  
09/25 OUTLINING THE USG ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO, AND  
RESTATING THAT ASSISTANCE WILL CONTINUE TO FLOW AS LONG  
AS IT IS NECESSARY. THE STORIES ALSO QUOTE THE  
AMBASSADOR AS SAYING THAT IN HIS CONVERSATIONS  
WITH SEVERAL MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ITS HAS BEEN  
RECOGNIZED THAT MEXICO'S ECONOMIC PLANS WILL HAVE TO BE  
MODIFIED. HE SAID THE USG WILL COOPERATE IN THAT TASK,  
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AND IT HOPES THAT THERE WILL ALSO BE A MULTILATERAL  
POSITIVE RESPONSE IN THAT REGARD. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT  
ON THIS SUBJECT TODAY.

2. THE MEXICAN MEDIA REPORT THAT OFFICIAL CASUALTY  
FIGURES STAND NOW AS FOLLOWS: 3,286 DEAD,  
APPROXIMATELY 6,700 INJURED OF WHICH 684 ARE STILL  
HOSPITALIZED, AND 22,296 HOMELESS. THE STORIES  
INDICATE THAT THE NUMER OF BUILDINGS AFFECTED BY THE  
EARTHQUAKE STANDS A32, OF WHICH 417 WERE EITHER

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DESTROYED OR WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED. RESCUE OPERATIONS CONTINUE, AND THE WORK OF FOREIGN TEAMS IS HIGHLIGHTED. ON 09/25 MORE THAN A DOZEN PERSONS -- INCLUDING NEWBORN BABIES -- WERE PULLED OUT OF THE RUBBLE.

3. THE MEDIA REPORTS THAT DOMESTIC TELEPHONE SERVICE IS FUNCTIONING AT ALMOST NORMAL CAPACITY, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS WITH INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS. WITH REGARDS TO ELECTRICITY, IT IS SAID THAT POWER WILL RESUME TODAY IN THE VERY FEW AREAS OF THE CITY STILL LACKING IT.

4. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT OVERALL INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMOUNTS TO AROUND 10.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THAT 1,400 TONS IN EQUIPMENT, FOOD AND MEDICINES HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

5. ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRY EDITORIALS AND COLUMNS PRAISING THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF EFFORTS FOR MEXICO, ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT SINGLE OUT ANY COUNTRY IN PARTICULAR. GAVIN

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, MX  
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH AT&T - MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

REF: MEXICO 19918

1. AMB, DCM AND ECON COUNSELOR MET WITH AT&T PLANNING DIRECTOR ROBERT MAYZE AND DON ZOCCHOV ON SEPT. 26.
2. MAYZE GAVE RUNDOWN ON CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS SITUATION. TELMEX LOST 8 SWITCHING MACHINES AND IS IN DIFFICULT SHAPE. MAYZE ESTIMATES, HOWEVER, THAT BY TOMORROW TELMEX SHOULD HAVE 300 DEDICATED LINES TO THE U.S. AND 300 TO THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE PRE-EARTHQUAKE NUMBER OF LINES WERE OVER 1,000 AND 400.
3. AT&T IS WORKING WITH TELMEX TO BRING THESE 600 LINES BACK INTO SERVICE. THEY ARE WORKING TO RESTORE EQUIPMENT, REFIGURE THE NETWORK, AND POSSIBLY REROUTE TRUNKS THROUGH THE U.S.
4. THE AT&T 24-CIRCUIT PORTABLE VAN IS STILL AVAILABLE

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IF THE GOM OR EMBASSY WANT IT. THE GOM (TELMEX) STILL HAS NOT DECIDED UPON ITS NEEDS ACCORDING TO MAYZE. HE HOPES TO HAVE A FULL EQUIPMENT LIST BY COB 9/26. SHOULD SOMEONE WANT THE VAN, TELMEX'S ONLY CONDITION WOULD BE A C5A TO FLY IT TO MEXICO.

5. MAYZE AND ZOCCHOV ALSO NOTED THAT AT&T HAS LONG-TERM INTERESTS IN THE EQUIPMENT MARKET HERE IN MEXICO. HOWEVER, THEY STRESSED THAT THIS TRIP IS BASICALLY TO ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY, IT IS NOT A SALES TRIP.

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6. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUERY, MAYZE AND ZACCHOU SAID  
NO EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME. MAYZE  
HE WOULD CONTACT US IF THE NEED AROSE. AMBASSADOR RE-  
SPONDED WE STAND READY TO ASSIST U.S. FIRMS.  
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7. THE GOM HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO LETTER TO GOM  
DESCRIBED REFTTEL. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: SITREP 60: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE-EMBASSY ASSISTANCE  
- TO PLACIDO DOMINGO'S RESCUE EFFORTS.

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PLACIDO DOMINGO SEEKS RELATIVES AMID THE RUBBLE

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1. ONE OF THE MOST CURIOUS HUMAN INTEREST ANGLES  
CONCERNING THE EARTHQUAKE, IS THAT SOME CLOSE RELATIVES  
OF WORLD-FAMOUS MEXICAN/SPANISH OPERATIC TENOR PLACIDO  
DOMINGO WERE AMONG THOSE LIVING IN THE COLLAPSED NUEVO  
LEON APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE TLATELOLCO APARTMENT  
COMPLEX OFF REFORMA IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE CITY.  
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DOMINGO FLEW TO MEXICO AFTER HE LEARNED OF THE DISASTER  
AND HAS BEEN SPENDING EVERY DAY SINCE AT THE SITE OF THE  
NUEVO LEON BUILDING HELPING RESCUERS DIG OUT THE RUBBLE.  
THE RELATIVES LOST BY DOMINGO AND TRAPPED IN THE RUBBLE  
OF THE NUEVO LEON BUILDING INCLUDE AN AUNT, AN UNCLE,  
AND TWO FIRST COUSINS.

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PLACIDO DOMINGO ASKS AMBASSADOR GAVIN AND NANCY REAGAN

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FOR HELP DURING FIRST LADY'S RECESIT

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 2. A SOMEWHAT BIZARRE BUT REMARKABLE WRINKLE TO THE PLACIDO DOMINGO SEARCH FOR MISSING RELATIVES AMID THE RUBBLE CAME ON SEPTEMBER 23 DURING THE BRIEF VISIT OF FIRST LADY NANCY REAGAN TO MEXICO. WHILE MRS. REAGAN WAS AT THE SITE OF THE COLLAPSED NUEVO LEON BUILDING VIEWING THE RUBBLE AND THE RESCUE EFFORTS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE WIFE OF PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID AND BY THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GAVIN, THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. REAGAN WERE SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY APPROACHED BY A MAN IN RESCUE WORK CLOTHES WEARING A RESCUE FACE MASK, WHO HAD NO TROUBLE SLIPPING THROUGH SUCH SECURITY LINES AS EXISTED AT THE SITE. UPON REMOVING HIS MASK, THE MAN WHO HAD A GENERALLY DISHEVELED APPEARANCE, REVEALED AN ASHEN AND UNSHAVEN FACE. THE AMBASADOR THEN RECOGNIZED THAT THIS STRANGE APPARITION WAS NONE OTHER THAN THE WORLD'S LEADING OPERATIC TENOR, PLACIDO DOMINGO. DOMINGO MADE AN IMPASSIONED APPEAL TO THE AMBASSADOR FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO BE BROUGHT TO THE NUEVO LEON BUILDING SITE TO ASSIST IN TRYING TO DIG OUT HIS RELATIVES AND THOSE OF OTHERS (OR THEIR BODIES). THE AMBASSADOR TOOK NOTE OF PLACIDO DOMINGO'S REQUESTS AND PROMISED WE  
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WOULD IMMEDIATELY DO WHATEVER WE COULD TO MEET THEM.

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 AMBASSADOR RESPONDS TO DOMINGO'S REQUEST  
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 3. IN RESPONSE TO DOMINGO'S REQUEST TO THE AMBASSADOR, THE EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT PROCURING MOST OF THE ITEMS REQUESTED BY DOMINGO, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR PICKS AND SLEDGE HAMMERS (MOST OF WHICH WERE OBTAINED THROUGH THE WORLD VISION PVO) AND CONCRETE SAWS. THESE WERE THEN PROVIDED TO DOMINGO,WHO HAD ALSO BEEN JOINED IN THE RESCUE EFFORTS BY HIS SON,AND A GROUP OF RESCUE WORKERS WHO APPEAR TO BE WORKING UNDER HIS COORDINATION AT THE NUEVO LEON BUILDING OVER THE NEXT 4RS. THE EMBASSY HAS MAINTAINED CLOSE AND CONTINUED CONTACT WITH THE FAMOUS SINGER, WHO IS VIRTUALLY CAMPED OUT AT THE SITE.

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 PLACIDO DOMINGO ON MEXICAN TV THANKS AMBASSADOR AND  
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 AMERICAN PEOPLE  
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 4. ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 25, IN AN INTERVIEW WHICH APPEARED OVER MEXICAN TV, DOMINGO SPECIFICALLY AND PUBLICLY EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE AMBASSADOR AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR RESPONDING TO HIS REQUEST IN HIS

HOUR OF NEED.

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LOOTING AND SHOTS REPORTED AT NUEVO LEON SITE ON

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SUBJECT: SITREP 60: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE-EMBASSY ASSISTANCE

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5. ON SEPTEMBER 25, IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING, THE  
NUEVO LEON SITE AND SURROUNDING APARTMENT BUILDINGS

ECHOED TO THE SOUND OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE GUNFIRE SHOTS WHEN EMBOFF DROVE TO THE SITE TO DELIVER MORE EQUIPMENT TO PLACIDO DOMINGO. EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY PERSONS ON THE SCENE THAT THERE HAD BEEN LOOTING, AND OBSERVED THAT THE AREA LOOKED LIKE AN "ARMED CAMP". POLICE IN THE AREA HAVE REPORTEDLY SUBSEQUENTLY PUT A STOP TO SUCH LOOTING.

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DOMINGO'S SEPTEMBER 26 TV INTERVIEW  
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6. ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 26, IN WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BECOME A DAILY OCCURENCE ON THE MEXICAN TV MORNING NEWS WRAPUPS, PLACIDO DOMINGO, LOOKING MORE TIRED AND GAUNT AND BEDRAGGLED THAN EVER, WAS AGAIN INTERVIEWED BY A MEXICAN TV REPORTER. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THE REPORTER ASKED WAS THAT WASN'T DOMINGO AFRAID THAT ALL THIS ROUND-THE-CLOCK FRANTIC RESCUE EFFORT ON HIS PART AT THE NUEVO COLLAPSED BUILDING MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE AN ADVERSE PERMANENT EFFECT ON HIS GOLDEN TENOR VOICE? DOMINGO'S RESPONSE WAS PURE PLACIDO DOMINGO. BURSTING INTO TEARS, DOMINGO STATED THAT HIS VOICE WAS TOTALLY UNIMPORTANT, AND THAT HIS ONLY CONCERN WAS TO SEE IF HE COULD LOCATE HIS DEAR AUNT, UNCLE, AND COUSINS ALIVE UNDER THE DEBRIS. (DRAFTED:JBGWYNN) GAVIN

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SUBJECT: MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE: HOSPITAL/SCHOOL  
- - - RECONSTRUCTION

REF: (A) MEXICO 19802; (B) MEXICO 19855;  
- (C) STATE 296007

1. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS CONTAINED REF 'C' ARE APPRECIATED.  
WE ASSUME REF 'C' WAS SENT BEFORE RECEIPT IN DEPARTMENT  
OF REF 'B', WHICH ADDRESSES CONCERNS OF DEPARTMENT.  
NOTE THAT ARA/MEX WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE COLLECTION  
OR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS, BUT WOULD ACT ONLY AS A CONDUIT  
TO PASS CHECKS FROM EACH STATE TO THE EMBASSY.

2. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTIONS, WE INTEND THEREFORE  
TO SEND AMENDED LETTER TO ALL FIFTY GOVERNORS ON 27 SEPT.

3. AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENT OF MEXICO  
AT NACIONAL FINANCIERA ONLY AND SPECIFICALLY TO RECEIVE  
THIS AID. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS  
(OR PORTIONS THEREOF) WOULD BE NAMED AFTER DONOR STATES.  
WE WILL MAKE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THE CHANNEL  
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PER YOUR EXCELLENT SUGGESTION. THEY WILL RECEIVE, DISBURSE  
AND HAVE OVERSIGHT OF FUNDS AND THEIR USE. GAVIN

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REF: MEXICO 19802

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN PROPOSAL TO URGE US GOVERNORS TO DIRECT CHARITABLE IMPULSE OF AMERICAN PUBLIC TO CASH CONTRIBUTIONS. IN FACT, OFDA HAS ALREADY SENT A LETTER THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S STATE-LEVEL OFFICE TO ALL GOVERNORS RECOMMENDING THIS. (TEXT OF LETTER BELOW).

2. SUGGESTION IN REFTEL THAT FUNDS BE EARMARKED FOR THE WORTHWHILE OBJECTIVE OF RECONSTRUCTING HOSPITAL AND SCHOOLS IS GOOD, BUT WE RECOMMEND AGAINST INVOLVEMENT OF MEXICAN DESK OR ANY OTHER USG ENTITY. USG INVOLVEMENT IN THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS OVER WHICH IT  
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EXERCISES NO CONTROL OR OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY WOULD BE MISLEADING TO THE PUBLIC AND CONSTITUTE TACIT ENDORSEMENT OF WHICHEVER ENTITY DOES EXERCISE CONTROL.

3. IS THERE IS A PRIVATE-SECTOR VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION IN MEXICO THAT MIGHT BE ABLE AND WILLING TO HANDLE CASH DONATIONS FROM US GOVERNORS AND/OR PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND OVERSEE THEIR DISBURSEMENT FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF REPLACING DAMAGED/DESTROYED HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS? THIS TASK WOULD PRESUMABLY ENTAIL A LONGER-TERM

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COMMITMENT AND A DIFFERENT WAY THAN WOULD THE  
DISBURSEMENT OF GOODS TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF  
INJURED OR DISPLACED VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE. YOUR  
SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME.

4. FYI: REPEATED HEREWITH IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER  
FROM OFDA, THROUGH FEMA OFFICES, TO STATE GOVERNORS:

BEGIN TEXT:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND COORDINATION CENTER  
ATTN: TOM COTTER, PASS FOR OFDA  
FAX: 646-2504

DEAR GOVERNOR:

A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE HAS STRUCK THE WESTERN COAST OF  
MEXICO. WHILE WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF GATHERING  
INFORMATION ON THE EXACT TOLL OF THIS DISASTER, IT  
APPEARS TO BE A MOST SERIOUS SITUATION.

SINCE A DISASTER OF THIS NATURE OFTEN GENERATES A GREAT  
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DEAL OF INTEREST AMONG AMERICANS AND LEADS TO SPONTANEOUS  
COLLECTIONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES, WE WANT TO IMMEDIATELY  
PROVIDE IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING SUCH PUBLIC  
RESPONSE. OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT THE SPONTANEOUS  
COLLECTIONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES IS NOT USUALLY THE BEST  
WAY TO ASSIST DISASTER VICTIMS. THESE COLLECTIONS ARE  
OFTEN INAPPROPRIATE TO MEET THE IDENTIFIED NEEDS OF THE  
AFFECTED PEOPLE AND REQUIRE ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF TIME AND  
MONEY FOR THE DONOR GROUP TO SORT, PACKAGE AND  
TRANSPORT. IN ADDITION, THE AFFECTED COUNTRY GOVERNMENT  
EXPERIENCES THE INCREASED BURDEN OF HAVING TO PROVIDE  
STORAGE FOR THE COMMODITIES AND PERSONNEL TO SORT AND  
ENSURE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.

IN THE PAST, BONA FIDE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE SOMETIMES  
WILLING TO TAKE PUBLIC COLLECTIONS, SORT THROUGH THEM FOR  
WHAT WAS USEFUL, AND TO PAY FOR TRANSPORT OF NEEDED  
ITEMS. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HOWEVER, ARE FEELING THE  
PINCH OF RESTRICTED FUNDS AND RETHINKING THE WISDOM OF  
SHIPPING ITEMS SUCH AS CLOTHING. THEREFORE, WE CANNOT  
EXPECT THEM TO COORDINATE THESE COLLECTIONS. ALSO IN THE  
PAST, SHIPPING AND AIRLINE COMPANIES SOMETIMES AGREED TO  
TAKE UNSORTED RELIEF GOODS CHARGE ON A "SPACE  
AVAILABLE" BASIS. BECAUSE OF COMPLICATIONS IN THE PAST  
AND RISING FUEL COSTS (AND A REDUCED NUMBER OF FLIGHTS TO  
MANY LOCATIONS), THIS IS NOW MUCH LESS LIKELY.

EVEN IF FUNDS WERE PLENTIFUL, WISE STEWARDSHIP OVER PUBLIC FUNDS WOULD OFTEN PRECLUDE U.S. GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT WITH UNSOLICITED RELIEF COLLECTIONS. SUCH COLLECTIONS OFTEN INCLUDE INAPPROPRIATE FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICINES THAT ARE UNLABELED OR BEYOND THEIR EXPIRATION DATE. SOME OF THESE ITEMS MAY ACTUALLY CREATE HEALTH HAZARDS.

FURTHER, MANY PEOPLE HAVE THE MISTAKEN IDEA THAT U.S.  
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MILITARY AIRCRAFT CAN CARRY RELIEF SUPPLIES FREE OF CHARGE. THIS IS NOT SO. WE CANNOT USE MILITARY SERVICES IF COMPARABLE COMMERCIAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE. FURTHERMORE, ALL RELIEF SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ARE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OFFICE OF U.S. FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE UNITS.

EVEN THOUGH THE PUBLIC OFTEN QUESTIONS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THIS OFFICE CONCERNING THE NEED FOR RELIEF SUPPLIES, THE FACT IS THAT THE STRICKEN COUNTRIES CAN HANDLE ONLY LIMITED AMOUNTS OF IMPORTED SUPPLIES. MONEY IS MORE USEFUL THAN RELIEF SUPPLIES.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE OFFICE OF U. S. FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO:

(1) ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAKE CASH DONATIONS TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WITH RELIEF PROGRAMS IN THE STRICKEN COUNTRY;

(2) NOT ACCEPT PHARMACEUTICALS FROM PRIVATE CITIZENS DUE TO PROBLEMS OF QUALITY CONTROL AND STANDARDIZATION; AND

(3) NOT MAKE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR TRANSPORT UNLESS THE DONATED ITEMS ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND APPROVED BY THE U. S. EMBASSY IN THE AFFECTED COUNTRY.

A NUMBER OF AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING APPROPRIATE RELIEF MEASURES AND RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. ED IS A LIST OF AGENCIES WHICH ARE KNOWN TO HAVE PROGRAMS IN MEXICO AT  
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THIS TIME.

THANK YOU FOR ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN OFFER IN GETTING  
THIS MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF YOUR STATE. IT IS  
SUGGESTED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS BE EARMARKED FOR "THE MEXICO  
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND."

SINCERELY,

JULIUS W. BECTON, JR., DIRECTOR  
OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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#### 1. (U) INTRODUCTION

THIS IS ANOTHER IN A SERIES OF INFORMAL, UNCLEARED  
ARTICLES FOR THE USE OF EMBASSY ECONOMIC SECTIONS THAT  
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OTHER PAPERS AND MEMOS. IT IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES  
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3. SOUTH AMERICA AND MEXICO:

(C) THE IMF COULD PROVIDE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MEXICO:

-- THE IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID THAT THE FUND IS PREPARED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO MEXICO TO ASSIST IN AN IMMEDIATE CASH TRANSFER TO THE GOM. FUND OFFICIALS SAY THAT SUCH A TRANSFER COULD BE MADE QUICKLY BUT WOULD REQUIRE A COMMITMENT BY GOM AUTHORITIES TO ENTER INTO A RENEWED STABILIZATION PROGRAM. HOWEVER, SHOULD EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE CAUSE A SHARP FALL IN PROJECTED EXPORT EARNINGS, THIS CASH PURCHASE MIGHT ALSO BE USED AS AN ADVANCE  
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AGAINST A POSSIBLE FUTURE PURCHASE FROM THE COMPENSATORY FINANCING FACILITY.

-- THIS TYPE OF CASH ADVANCE AGAINST EXISTING FUND'S FACILITIES IS THE ONLY MECHANISM THE IMF HAS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO ITS MEMBER COUNTRIES. SUCH ADVANCES MUST BE LINKED TO A COMMITMENT BY THE RECIPIENT TO FORMALLY APPLY FOR DRAWING AGAINST ESTABLISHED FACILITIES, I.E., EITHER A STAND-BY OR THE CFF. SUCH ADVANCES COULD AMOUNT TO 25-50 PERCENT OF QUOTA, OR 300-600 MILLION DOLLARS. FUND OFFICIALS SAY THAT THEY ARE THINKING OF AN ADVANCE OF 250 MN. SDR (200 MN. DOLLARS).

-- THE GOM FELL OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH ITS EXTENDED FUND FACILITY LAST JUNE AND CONSEQUENTLY HAS NOT MADE ANY DRAWINGS AGAINST IT IN RECENT MONTHS. AS A RESULT, SHOULD THE GOM RENEGOTIATE THE EXISTING EFF OR ENTER INTO A NEW STAND-BY, THERE IS A POTENTIAL OF PURCHASES FROM THE FUND OF 900 MILLION SDRS. THE GOM HAS NOT INDICATED WHETHER IT WOULD LIKE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IMF.

(C) PARAGUAY AND THE IMF:

IMF STAFF PAINT A GLOOMY PICTURE OF THE PARAGUAYAN ECONOMY FOLLOWING THEIR RECENT ARTICLE IV CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY. THE ECONOMY IS IN FUNDAMENTAL DISEQUILIBRIUM, BUT MANIPULATION OF THE FOUR-TIER FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE SYSTEM DISGUISES ITS MAGNITUDE. THE PRIMARY TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF FURTHER ECONOMIC DETERIORATION IS SLIPPAGE IN EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND INFLATION - NOW AT 60 PERCENT ANNUALLY.



THE GOP WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THESE PROBLEMS AND REFUSES TO TAKE STABILIZATION MEASURES. THE IMF RECOMMENDED A DEVALUATION IN 1970, BUT THE GOP DID NOT DEVALUE AND THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ECONOMY PROSPERED. THE PRESIDENT IS FIRMLY AGAINST A DEVALUATION, AND THE GOP IS INTERESTED IN ANY IMF ASSISTANCE. (PARAGUAY HAS NOT HAD AN IMF PROGRAM SINCE 1957.)

AT SOME POINT IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE, IMF STAFF PREDICT THERE MUST BE A DRAMATIC READJUSTMENT IN THE SITUATION. IMF STAFF COMPARE THE SITUATION TO THAT OF THE GUY WHO JUMPED OFF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING. WHEN SOMEONE ON THE 44TH FLOOR SHOUTED, "HOW'S IT GOING?", HE REPLIED, "SO FAR, SO GOOD."

#### 4. CENTRAL AMERICA:

##### (C) CABI DEVELOPMENTS:

BANK PRESIDENT RAMIREZ SAYS EIGHT COUNTRIES ARE COMMITTED TO SUBSCRIBING TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL FUND CAPITAL. THE ONLY MAJOR D.C. COMMITMENT SO FAR IS THE FRG. USG SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO OBTAIN SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FUND. ALTHOUGH DISAPPOINTED THAT THE USG WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE FUND, THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THAT CABI PLANS TO PROVIDE ONE BILLION DOLLARS OF NEW LENDING OVER FOUR YEARS AND IS COUNTING ON AT LEAST 200 MILLION DOLLARS OF AID SUPPORT. THE CORE FOUR COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO RESCHEDULE AND REPAY THEIR ARREARS BUT NICARAGUA'S 70 MILLION DOLLARS OF ARREARS ARE NOT RESOLVED AND IS A KEY IMPEDIMENT TO NEGOTIATIONS. BANK MANAGEMENT DOES NOT WANT TO EXCLUDE NICARAGUA AND ITS PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL TO MEXICAN, NORWEGIAN AND OTHER PARTICIPATION.

##### (C) HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP TO REVIEW CENTRAL AMERICA CONFIDENTIAL

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##### INITIATIVE (CAI):

IN EVERY COUNTRY VISITED THE STATE/AID/EXIM TEAM ENCOUNTERED A DILEMMA IN THE TRADE-OFF BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. BECAUSE IT IS POLITICALLY UNPOPULAR, GOVERNMENTS ARE RELUCTANT TO MAKE ECONOMIC POLICY CHANGES WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION FOR RENEWED GROWTH AND TO MAKING THE U.S. AID EFFORT EFFECTIVE. SETTING APPROPRIATE EXCHANGE RATES, PROGRAMING A SUSTAINABLE GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND TAKING STEPS TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO REGIONAL TRADE ALL REQUIRE

URGENT ATTENTION.

GUATEMALA - THE ECONOMY IS UNRAVELING. ER NEARLY 60 YEARS OF MONETARY STABILITY AND A ONE-TO-ONE EXCHANGE RATE, THE PARALLEL EXCHANGE HAS JUMPED TO 3.7 AND IS CLIMBING, AND OVERALL INFLATION FOR THE YEAR COULD REACH 100 PERCENT. WITHOUT IMMEDIATE CONSENSUS AND ACTION BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND CONTENDING PARTIES IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION TO UNIFY THE EXCHANGE RATE, TO INCREASE TAXES AND TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A STABILIZATION PROGRAM, THE COUNTRY COULD HEAD TOWARDS HYPERINFLATION, ITS ATTENDANT CHAOS, AND A SHORT-LIVED DEMOCRACY.

COSTA RICA - THE KEY ISSUE FOR THE CAI OBJECTIVES FOR COSTA RICA IS WHETHER THE COUNTRY CAN BE KEPT ON A STABILIZATION PATH. MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THE 1982 IMF STAND-BY. INFLATION IS DOWN, THE EXCHANGE RATE UNIFIED, THE PUBLIC SECTOR DEFICIT REDUCED, EXPORT EARNINGS UP AND DEBT SERVICE RENEWED. HOWEVER, IN 1985, A RISE IN THE FISCAL DEFICIT AND A FISCAL SHORTFALL OF BETWEEN 450 TO 650 MILLION COLONES IS THREATENING TO REMOVE COSTA RICA FROM COMPLIANCE WITH ITS PRESENT IMF AGREEMENT. IF THIS CANNOT BE RESOLVED THE WHOLE STABILIZATION PACKAGE COULD UNRAVEL.

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HONDURAS - AS ELSEWHERE, THE ECONOMIC SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED AS A RESULT OF REGIONAL POLITICAL INSTABILITY, DECLINING TERMS OF TRADE, AND OVERLY EXPANSIONARY FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES. A KEY ISSUE IS THE OVERVALUED EXCHANGE RATE, AT ABOUT 2.7 ON THE BLACK MARKET. FOR REASONS OF TRADITION (50 YEARS AT 2.0 TO 1), POLITICS (LET ANOTHER GOVERNMENT DEVALUE) AND A VALID CONCERN ABOUT BEING ABLE TO MANAGE A DEVALUATION, THE GOVERNMENT SAYS IT WILL MAINTAIN THE OFFICIAL RATE. THIS AND COMING ELECTIONS HAVE HAMPERED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF.

EL SALVADOR - ASIDE FROM THE CONTINUING SECURITY PROBLEM, MEETING CAI OBJECTIVES IS HAMPERED BY THE MULTIPLE EXCHANGE RATES (2.50 OFFICIAL, 4.85 LEGAL PARALLEL, AND

8.00 ILLEGAL PARALLEL), RISING INFLATION (26 PT IN LAST 12 MONTHS), INCREASING MONETARY EMISSION WHICH SUGGESTS FURTHER INFLATIONARY PRESSURES, AND SEVERE DISTRUST BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF PRESIDENT DUARTE.

CADO - WE WILL RELATE NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE COMMENTS SEPARATELY.

TCIP - THIS IS GETTING OFF THE GROUND SLOWLY DUE TO PROBLEMS OF EXCHANGE RISK AND BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS IN

DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

CABEI - THE PROBABLE U.S. CAPITAL INFUSION WILL BE WELCOMED. THE NEW OFFICERS OF CABEI HAVE BEGUN MAKING THE CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE KISSINGER COMMISSION BUT A LOT REMAINS TO BE DONE.  
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OVERVIEW OF THE CAI - THE AMBITIOUS GOALS FOR CAPITAL INFLOW, GROWTH AND REGIONAL COOPERATION ENVISIONED IN THE KISSINGER COMMISSION APPEAR TO BE OVER-OPTIMISTIC UNLESS CONDITIONS CHANGE RADICALLY. NICARAGUA'S LARGE ARREARS TO THE CACM AND ITS BLOCKING GEOGRAPHY CONTRIBUTE TO DECLINING TRADE WITHIN THE CACM. IF THE CORE FOUR COULD APPROPRIATELY ADJUST THEIR OWN EXCHANGE RATES AND CANCEL THEIR INTRA-ARREARAGES, SOME GROWTH IN TRADE COULD OCCUR. HOWEVER, A CATALYST IS NEEDED. PERHAPS CADO OR THE MONGE INITIATIVE COMBINED WITH SOME CONDITIONED U.S. ASSISTANCE COULD HELP THIS ALONG. FINALLY, TOO HIGH POPULATION GROWTH RATES OF 2.3 TO 3.5 PERCENT ARE CONTINUING TO ABSORB RESOURCES WHICH ARE NEEDED TO ACHIEVE EVEN MUCH MORE MODEST GOALS THAN THOSE SPELLED OUT IN THE NBCCA.

(C) CADO:

AIFLD AND COUNCIL OF AMERICA'S REPS. DISCUSSED WITH AID AND US THE PARAMETERS FOR THE CENTRAL AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION. THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS ON HOW TO PROCEED AND THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION. WE WILL NOW COLLABORATE ON A STRATEGY FOR JOINT REVIEW. BOTH GROUPS APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT. WE ALSO PLAN TO CONTACT THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(C) CABEI:

TREASURY AT LAST HAS AGREED TO A DIPLOMATIC APPEAL TO WESTERN ALLIES TO CONTE TO THE REGIONAL BANK. TREASURY OFFICERS WARN, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THEY WILL

CONTINUE TO OBJECT TO THE USE OF FUNDS TO REVITALIZE THE BANK. AID, HOWEVER, HAS NOT FINALLY APPROVED THE 50 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT/LOAN.  
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(C) TREASURY REACTS TO CAI PLANS:

IN A STAFF LEVEL REVIEW OF THE CA ECONOMIC STRATEGY, TREASURY OFFICERS SUPPORTED THE MAIN ELEMENTS AND AGREED TO COLLABORATE WITH US. THEY CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE IBRD ORGANIZING A CONSULTATIVE GROUP. ALL CONCEDE THAT THE

IDB HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS INABILITY TO ORGANIZE A CG BUT THE IBRD MAY FACE ITS OWN POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. TREASURY EMPHASIZED THAT NICARAGUA WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN EITHER CASE AND THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO START WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, SUCH AS COSTA RICA. TREASURY PROPOSED LINKING THE DISBURSEMENT OF ANY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS TO IMF PROGRAMS.

5. CARIBBEAN AND THE CBI:

(C) CANADIAN VIEWS ON THE CARIBBEAN BASIN:

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR THE REGION, JOHN GRAHAM MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- C.A. ECONOMIC DETERIORATION: ALL OF THE COUNTRIES ARE IN ECONOMIC TROUBLE; DESPITE LARGE U.S. AID FLOWS, CONDITIONS ARE DETERIORATING AND DEMOCRACIES ARE IN A FRAGILE SITUATION. CANADA HAS NO PLANS TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY ITS AID BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS. IT DOES NOT PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO CABEL.

- COSTA RICA: MONGE IS LOSING CONTROL OVER POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS; GRAHAM BELIEVES SHOULD THE GOCR ABANDON ITS TRADITIONAL NEUTRALITY, BREAK TIES WITH NICARAGUA AND CONFIDENTIAL

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DEVELOP AN ARMY, THE IMPLICATIONS ARE GRAVE BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON OUR COMMON INTERESTS IN THE REGION.

- JAMAICA: WITH HIS POLITICAL POPULARITY PLUMMETING, SEAGA'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM HAS PRODUCED NO FAVORABLE RESULTS; PROSPECTS ARE FOR A CONTINUINGINE MAKING CONDITIONS VOLATILE.

- D.R.: SURPRISINGLY, THE GOC BELIEVES THE GODR MAY FACE INSTABILITY BECAUSE OF ADVERSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS,

POLITICAL IN-FIGHTING AND DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE MILITARY.

- HAITI: DUVALIER REFUSES TO FACE UP TO ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT AND GENUINE POLITICAL REFORM. THE GOC WILL ONLY PROVIDE MINIMUM AID.

- CARIBCAN: THE GOC CABINET HAS GIVEN ITS PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO THIS "ONE-WAY FREE TRADE" INITIATIVE. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH BUSINESS, IT SHOULD BE READY TO ANNOUNCE IT. THIS WILL ADD MOMENTUM TO THE CBI.

- E.C.: THE GOC IS FOLLOWING CLOSELY IBRD PLANS TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND FOR EAST CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES TIED TO STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT.

- TRIPARTITE: THE GOC WILL BE SENDING A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 28-29 SESSION IN OTTAWA. THE U.K. WANTS TO ADD MEXICO BUT THE GOC BELIEVES THE TIME CAN BE BETTER SPENT FOCUSING ON THE BASIN, ESPECIALLY WHERE CONTADORA IS GOING. GRAHAM UNDERLINES THE NEED NOT TO GIVE THESE CONSULTATIONS PUBLICITY.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER 4-5 BILATERALS WITH CARIBBEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS DELIVERING A LUNCHEON SPEECH. THE V.P. STAFF ASKS ARA TO DRAFT THE SPEECH AND WE ARE PREPARING AN OUTLINE. HOPEFULLY A NEW INITIATIVE CAN BE ANNOUNCED SUCH AS TEXTILES; THE V.P.'S STAFF WANTS TO OBTAIN WHITE HOUSE SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE. C/CAA REPORTS THAT LARGE BUSINESS DELEGATIONS ARE COMING FROM SEVERAL THIRD COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE U.K. AND FRANCE.  
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SUBJECT: ARA NEWS ITEMS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1985

1. PRESS SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1985:

NEW YORK TIMES --

DEBT: ALAN RIDING, FRONT PAGE FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, 9/25  
("LATIN DEBTORS RESISTING AUSTERITY, CITING POLITICAL  
PRESSURE AT HOME"): "LATIN AMERICA'S LEADING DEBTOR  
NATIONS, WORRIED BY THE POLITICAL PERILS OF THEIR

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CONTINUING FINANCIAL CRISIS, ARE BEGINNING TO BALK AT CARRYING OUT AUSTERITY PROGRAMS URGED BY THE IMF.

"ALTHOUGH NO COORDINATED STRATEGY HAS YET EMERGED AND CUBA'S RECENT CALL FOR A REGIONWIDE DEFAULT HAS BEEN IGNORED, SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE USED THE FORUM OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK TO DECLARE THAT AN ENTIRELY NEW APPROACH TO THEIR REGION'S \$370 BILLION FOREIGN DEBT MUST URGENTLY BE FOUND."

THE CAMPAIGN IS BEING LED BY BRAZIL, MEXICO, AINA, AND PERU.

EL SALVADOR: MARLISE SIMONS, P. 7 FROM SAN SALVADOR, 9/25 ("NEW DEMAND MADE IN SALVADOR CASE; REBELS CALL FOR RELEASE OF 34 IN EXCHANGE FOR KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT") REPORTS A NEW DEMAND BY THE KIDNAPPERS, WHICH "APPEARS TO BE INTENDED TO DELAY SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT," ACCORDING TO PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE CASE.

SIMONS NOTES THAT THE USG "HAS SENT TO EXPERTS WITH EXPERIENCE IN 'HOSTAGE SITUATIONS' TO HELP THE

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GOVERNMENT. AN AMERICAN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN WOULD SAY ONLY, 'WE ARE PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,' INCLUDING 'FORENSIC AND BALLISTIC ANALYSIS.' OTHER US HELP INCLUDES TWO LONG-RANGE WALKIE-TALKIES DEMANDED BY THE GUERRILLAS, WHICH HAVE BEEN USED FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE REBELS AND THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LAST WEEK."

GUATEMALA: REUTERS/WASHINGTON, P. 8, 9/25 ("GUATEMALANS EXPECT FAIR VOTING") REPORTS STATEMENTS BY SIX VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES THAT THE ELECTION WILL GO ON AS SCHEDULED.

MEXICO: JOSEPH TREASTER, P. 9 FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/24 ("HOPE FADES IN SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS IN MEXICO"): "AS EXHAUSTED INTERNATIONAL RESCUE WORKERS DUG DESPERATELY INTO SEVERAL COLLAPSED BUILDINGS TODAY, MEXICAN AND US OFFICIALS SAID THE CHANCES OF FINDING ANY MORE SURVIVORS..." WERE "QUICKLY DIMINISHING.

"'TIME IS RUNNING OUT,' SAID JOHN GAVIN... 'WITHIN A FEW HOURS OUR HOPES OF BEING ABLE TO PULL PEOPLE OUT ALIVE WILL HAVE VANISHED.'

"MR. GAVIN SAID 28 AMERICANS WHO WERE STAYING IN HOTELS HERE WERE STILL MISSING." HE SAID THE US HAD ALREADY SENT \$2.5 MILLION IN AID, WITH ANOTHER \$2.5 MILLION ON THE WAY.

MEXICO: AP/GOLDEN, COLO, SAME PAGE, 9/25 ("QUAKE FORCE REVISED UPWARD") NOTES THAT THE NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER HAS REVISED ITS RICHTER SCALE ESTIMATES OF THE TWO QUAKE FROM 7.8 AND 7.3 TO 8.1 AND 7.5.

URUGUAY: ELAINE SCIOLINO, PFROM THE UN, 9/25  
("URUGUAYANS PLAY HOST, FRANTICALLY") REPORTS UN MISSION  
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PROBLEMS IN PREPARING FOR A SANGUINETTI VISIT.

MEXICO: ROBERT REINHOLD, P. 20 FROM PHOENIX, 9/25

("BONES FOUND ON MEXICANS' DESERT PATH TO U.S. JOBS")  
REPORTS REMAINS OF 49 BODIES FOUND IN THE SOUTHERN  
ARIZONA DESERT SINCE JULY 1982.

WASHINGTON POST --

MEXICO: EDWARD CODY, FRONT PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY  
("BABIES SAVED IN MEXICO; LAST DITCH EFFORT MADE TO FIND  
SURVIVORS") REPORTS RESCUE EFFORTS.

PERU: BRADLEY GRAHAM, P. 27 FROM NEW YORK, 9/25 ("PERU'S  
NEW LEADER HOPES FOR DEBT SOLUTION; THREAT OF IMF PULLOUT  
ONLY 'LAST RESORT,' GARCIA SAYS"): "DESPITE HIS TOUGH  
PUBLIC STANCE ON RESTRICTING DEBT PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN  
CREDITORS, PERU'S NEW LEADER SUGGESTED IN AN INTERVIEW  
HERE THAT HE STILL HOPES HIS IMPOVERISHED COUNTRY WILL  
REACH A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WITH THOSE CREDITORS AND  
AVOID PERU'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE IMF."

"...THE YOUNG PERUVIAN HEAD OF STATE, WHO HAS EMERGED  
SINCE HIS INAUGURATION IN JULY AS SOUTH AMERICA'S MOST  
DEFIANT NATIONAL LEADER, HAS SOUGHT IN PRIVATE TALKS HERE  
THIS WEEK TO MODERATE HIS IMAGE AS A COMBATIVE,  
ANTI-AMERICAN LATIN CHIEF. HE INDICATED TO SECSTATE  
GEORGE P. SHULTZ AND OTHERS THAT HE IS MORE OPEN TO  
DISCUSSIONS ON COMPROMISE FINANCIAL FORMULAS THAN SOME OF  
HIS TOUGH PUBLIC STATEMENTS MIGHT SUGGEST." HE SAID HE  
WAS "VERY SATISFIED" WITH THE SHULTZ MEETING.

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MEXICO: WILLIAM A. ORME JR, P. 29 FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/25  
("FALLEN BUILDING FOCUS OF DEBATE; QUAKE VICTIMS



QUESTIONING GOVERNMENTAL CONSTRUCTION") WRITES ON CONTROVERSY OVER THE EDIFICIO NUEVO LEON, BUILT IN 1962, WHICH COLLAPSED DURING THE QUAKE.

MEXICO: UPI, SAME PAGE: ("QUAKE UPGRADED TO 8.1").

EL SALVADOR: SAME PAGE STAFF REPORT/SAN SALVADOR: ("REBELS SAID TO DEMAND RELEA 34; GROUP REPORTEDLY HOLDS DUARTE'S KIN").

WALL STREET JOURNAL --

MEXICO: FRONT-PAGE BRIEF NOTES PLANNED REVIEW OF BUILDING CODES.

MEXICO: JOHN HUEY AND STEVE FRAZIER, FRONT PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY ("NATION IN JEOPARDY; MEXICO'S FUTURE GROWS EVEN MORE INCALCULABLE AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE; PRIOR PLAN

TO SPUR ECONOMY NOW SEEMS INCOMPATIBLE WITH SPEEDY REBUILDING; SOME FEAR DISORDERLY CHANGE"): "ALL BETS ARE OFF ON THE FUTURE COURSE OF MEXICO."

EVEN BEFORE THE QUAKE, THE "ECONOMY LURCHED ALONG IN A STATE OF UNDECLARED DISASTER. A SHOWDOWN WITH US AND OTHER FOREIGN BANKS HOLDING \$96 BILLION IN UNPAYABLE MEXICAN DEBT SEEMED INEVITABLE.

"MEXICO'S LEADERS GOVERNED ON BORROWED TIME. AT HOME, THEIR AUSTERITY MEASURES REQUIRED PAINFUL LONG-TERM SACRIFICE FROM A CONSTITUENCY EAGER FOR SHORT-TERM RELIEF; ABROAD, THEY FEARED THAT A FURTHER DECLINE IN OIL PRICES COUPLED WITH A RISE IN INTEREST RATES WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE EVEN TO PAY THE INTEREST..."

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WITH THE QUAKE, "THE SCOPE OF MEXICO'S PROBLEMS MOVED BEYOND MEASUREMENT."

BALTIMORE SUN --

MEXICO: JAMES BOCK, FRONT PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY: ("6 DAYS AFTER BUILDING FELL ON TOP OF HER, MEXICO CITY WOMAN IS PULLED OUT ALIVE").

MEXICO: BOCK, P. 2: ("OPENING TO PACKED THEATERS, FILM RIVETS MEXICO'S ATTENTION TO CORRUPTION CASE; MOVIE TRACES TALE OF BEST-SELLER BOOK ON EX-POLICE CHIEF").

MEXICO: PNINA RAMATI, P. 3 FROM IXTAPA: ("TOURISTS TRICKLING BACK AS RESORTS FACE REPAIRS").

MEXICO: AP/GOLDEN, COLO, SAME PAGE: ("HIGHER READINGS RETITLE QUAKE AS 'GREAT'").

EL SALVADOR: P. 12 BRIEF: ("TALKS UP IN AIR WITH DUARTE KIDNAPPERS").

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MEXICO: P. 2 BRIEF: ("TWO MORE ARE FOUND ALS MEXICAN RESCUE CONTINUES").

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OF COUNTRIES UNDER FINANCIAL STRAIN, CONCLUDES THAT "DEBT

AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE INDIVIDUALLY CRAFTED TO MEET THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH DEBTOR NATION. GIVEN THE BACKDROP OF THE SLOWER PACE OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, MEASURES ALONG THESE LINES ARE APPROPRIATE TO ENSURING A STABLE WORLD ECONOMY."

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MEXICO: FRONT PAGE SPECIAL: ("MEXICO HUNTS FOR MIRACLES").

EL SALVADOR: P. 4 BRIEF: ("DEADLINE PASSES ON KIDNAP SWAP").

WASHINGTON TIMES --

NICARAGUA: KRISTEN BURROUGHS, P. 3 ("SANDINISTAS USE CHRISTIAN VISITORS AS PROPAGANDA TOOL, DEFECTOR SAYS"; BOXED QUOTE: "TOMAS BORGE... TRIES TO 'USE AND MANIPULATE THE SOUND SENTIMENTS AND GOOD INTENTIONS OF RELIGIOUS PEOPLE,' MR. BALDIZON SAID.")

MEXICO: UPI/WASHINGTON, P. 4 ("BORDER AGENTS CHARGE MEXICAN POLICE ESCORT DRUG TRAFFICKERS TO U.S."): "MEMBERS OF A RESPECTED GROUP OF US BORDER AGENTS ARE CHARGING THAT MEXICAN FEDERAL POLICE, 'ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS,' HAVE BEEN ESCORTING DRUG TRAFFICKERS ACROSS THE BORDER INTO TEXAS, AN INTERNAL MEMO REVEALED YESTERDAY."

MEXICO: JAMES MORRISON, P. 6 FROM MEXICO CITY: ("QUAKE

TOLL, DAMAGE BLAMED ON CORRUPTION").

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DAUGHTER'S CAPTORS BELIEVED TALKING").

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF TV NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS, SEPTEMBER  
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SUBJECT: DE LA GARZA PRESS CONFERENCE ON  
EARTHQUAKE-RELATED VISIT TO MEXICO

REF: MEXICO 19745

1. CONGRESSMAN KIKA DE LA GARZA MUCH APPRECIATED  
ASSISTANCE BY EMBASSY RELATED TO HIS SEPTEMBER 23 VISIT  
TO MEXICO CITY.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 25 DE LA GARZA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE  
IN WHICH HE RECOUNTED HIS EFFORTS TO DETERMINE MEXICO'S  
EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY NEEDS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED  
ACTION BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. ARA/P OFFICER  
ATTENDED. DE LA GARZA SAID HE WAS QUITE IMPRESSED BY  
MEXICAN RECOVERY AND U.S. ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS. HE  
COMPLIMENTED WORK OF EMBASSY, STATE DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE  
AND AID/OFDA. HE NOTED THAT FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL  
FROM EMBASSY WERE AMONG FIRST OUT ON STREETS IN MEXICO  
CITY TO GIVE ASSISTANCE, DOING THEIR JOBS EFFECTIVELY AND  
QUIETLY, WITHOUT A LOT OF PUBLICITY, AND FOLLOWING UP ON  
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MEXICO'S RECOVERY NEEDS. HE SAID AID WAS GETTING NEEDED  
SUPPLIES, SUCH AS PURIFIED WATER AND SANITATION  
EQUIPMENT, TO MEXICO EFFICIENTLY. HE CAUTIONED THAT THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT, CONGRESS AND PUBLIC SHOULD NOT FORGET  
ABOUT MEXICAN PROBLEMS ONCE THIS IMMEDIATE CRISIS IS PAST.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, DE LA GARZA SAID THAT HE DID  
NOT THINK THE EARTHQUAKE WILL LEAD TO INCREASED ILLEGAL  
IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S. SINCE MOST OF THOSE AFFECTED BY  
THE EARTHQUAKE WERE NOT FROM THE BORDER OR OTHER PARTS OF

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MEXROVIDING MOST IMMIGRANTS TO U.S. HE SAID THAT WORK NEEDED FOR MEXICO'S REHABILITATION WILL KEEP MEXICANS AT HOME AND THAT BEST ACTION USG COULD TAKE NOW WAS TO PROVIDE RECOVERY ASSISTANCE WHICH WOULD CREATE EMPLOYMENT IN MEXICO, RATHER THAN PROVIDING MORE MONEY FOR ENFORCEMENT IN U.S.

4. DE LA GARZA DID NOT GET INTO SPECIFICS OF WHAT TYPE OF RELIEF SUPPLIES MEXICO NEEDED, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT WELL-MEANT BUT UNREQUESTED VOLUNTEERS OR SUPPLIES FROM THE U.S. COULD SIMPLY CLOG SUPPLY LINES. WHAT MEXICO NEEDS MOSTLY NOW IS MONEY. HE NOTED THAT AS FAR AS MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE CONCERNED, MEXICO IS IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE WITH SOME REQUESTS BEING MADE FOR PREVENTATIVE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REQUEST FOR AERIAL MAPS OF MEXICO

REFS: A)MDAVISON/EDWARDS TELCON 4/26, B)  
MDAVISON/RUBENSTEIN TELCON 4/26, C) MDAVISON/CRUMPY  
(OFDA) TELCON 4/26, D) MDAVISON/EDWARDS TELCON 4/25

1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. IMMEDIATE ACTION  
REQUESTED PARA 5, UNLESS ACTION HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE  
PER REFTELCON A.
2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 24  
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSING  
MELESIO FERNANDEZ QUIROZ, SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNICATIONS  
AND TRANSPORT, WHICH REFERRED TO A CONVERSATION BETWEEN  
ARCHITECT LUIS CHARTARIFSKY AND OLLIE DAVISON OF THE  
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DEPARTMENT'S EARTHQUAKE TASK FORCE AND FORMALLY  
REQUESTED FOUR COPIES OF AERIAL MAPS OF THE CITY OF  
MEXICO WHICH WOULD COMPRISE A CIRCULAR AREA WITH THE  
PLAZA OF THE CONSTITUTION (ZOCALO) AS CENTER AND A SIX  
MILE RADIUS.

3. BASED ON REFTELCON (D) STATE OFFICE OF MAPS AND  
PUBLICATIONS SENT BY POUCH ON 4/26 ALL MATERIALS  
AVAILABLE IN THEIR FILES. HOWEVER, REFTELCON (C)  
INFORMED US, BASED ON OUR INQUIRY, THAT AN "ORTHO PHOTO

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MAP" OF MEXICO CITY IN A SCALE OF 1:60,000 OR 1:24,000 IS MOST LIKELY WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED, AND WE ARE NOT SURE THIS IS INCLUDED IN THE POUCH SHIPMENT.

4. ON SEPTEMBER 26, WE WERE ABLE TO CONTACT FERNANDEZ, WHO STATED THAT WHAT MEXICO ACTUALLY WISHED WERE AERIAL PHOTOS OF THE DESCRIBED AREA, BEFORE AND AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES, TO COMPARE. HE THEN MADE REFERENCE TO THE "SATELLITES WHICH PASS FREQUENTLY OVER MEXICO". IN ADDITION, HE SAID, THE OVERLAYS AVAILABLE IN THE ORTHO PHOTO MAP WOULD BE USEFUL IN LOCATING MAJOR BUILDINGS.

5. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFTELCON (C) THAT LANDSAT WAS TASKED FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE AREA AND THAT THESE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, BASED ON CLOUD COVER DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: AS ASKED IN REFTELCON (A), WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING PROVIDED, IF POSSIBLE FOUR COPIES OF THE "ORTHO PHOTO MAP" OF MEXICO AS WELL AS FOUR COPIES OF ANY AVAILABLE AERIAL PHOTOS FROM THE LANDSAT WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED TO THE MEXICANS. ALL MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT BY FASTEST POSSIBLE MEANS.  
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7. NOTE: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MEXICAN DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR GEOGRAPHY TOOK AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS FOLLOWING THE FIRST QUAKE. UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR BUILDING AND LAB WERE DAMAGED BY THE SAME QUAKE AND THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROCESS THEIR FILM AND COMPARE DESIRED MOSAICS. THIS MAY BE THE BASIS FOR THE REQUEST FOR ANY AVAILABLE SATELLITE PHOTOS AFTER THE QUAKE.  
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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX

SUBJECT: SITREP 61: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - SEPTEMBER 26  
DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. AS OF 1700 HOURS MEXICO CITY TIME, THE FOLLOWING  
EARTHQUAKE-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS HAD  
OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 26 AND WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.

2. U.S. RESCUE TEAMS SEPTEMBER 26 DISCOVER MORE LIVE

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U.S. RESCUE CREWS CONTINUED TO BE FULLY OCCUPIED TODAY.  
ONE OF FOUR DOG TEAMS, WORKING IN CLOSE TANDEM WITH A  
U.S. EXCAVATION TEAM WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SNIFFING OUT TWO  
LIVE PERSONS TODAY AT A SITE OF A COLLAPSED BUILDING IN  
THE OLD DOWNTOWN SECTION OF THE CITY, AND THE PERSONS  
WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DUG OUT. A SPANISH TEAM WORKING AT  
THE SAME SITE WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY  
DISCOVERED OTHER LIVE PERSONS THERE. U.S. DOG TEAMS  
HAVE ALSO BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SNIFFING OUT VARIOUS DEAD

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BODIES DURING OURSE OF THE DAY, INCLUDING TWELVE BODIES THIS MORNING AT THE SITE OF ONE BUILDING ALONE. MEANWHILE THE TV "SNAKE" CAMERA CREW FROM THE U.S. BUREAU OF MINES, THE DADE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT CREW, AND MANY OF THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE RESCUE CREW, WORKED ALL DAY, ALONG WITH MNY OF THE OTHER FOREIGN AND MEXICAN CREWS, AT THE SITE OF THE COLLAPSED BENITO JUAREZ HOSPITAL, WHERE THERE STILL REMAINS THE HIGHEST HOPE OF BRINGING OUT PERSONS ALIVE UNDER THE RUBBLE, AND WHERE SEVERAL PERSONS, INCLUDING FIVE INFANTS AND A DOCTOR, WERE DUG OUT LIVE YESTERDAY. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT THIS AFTERNOON THE U.S. "SNAKE" CAMERA HAS JUST MADE CONTACT WITH SOME LIVE HUMANS BURIED DEEP UNDER THE RUBBLE.

### 3. MAYOR GIVES CEREMONY FOR FOREIGN DOG TEAMS

ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 25, MEXICO CITY MAYOR AGUIRRE VELAZQUEZ INVITED TO THE NATIONAL PALACE THE FOREIGN DOG TEAMS AND THEIR HANDLERS FROM THE SIX FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE PROVIDED DOG RESCUE TEAMS. IN A BRIEF CEREMONY THE MAYOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE

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CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE DOG TEAMS AND PRESENTED MEDALS TO ALL THE TEAMS.

### 4. NUMBER OF U.S. AIRCRAFT FLOWN IN

DAO REPORTS THAT, UP TO SEPTEMBER 26, EIGHTEEN U.S. AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT HAVE FLOWN IN SOME 170 TONS OF EARTHQUAKE RELATED RELIEF CARGO AND PERSONNEL. DAO ALSO REPORTS THAT TWO MORE U.S. AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT ARE DUE IN TODAY, AND ANOTHER IS DUE IN TOMORROW.

### 5. DEMOLITION TEAMS

THE U.S. DEMOLITION CONTINGENT HAS SPLIT UP INTO THREE TEAMS, WHICH ARE CONTINUING TO SURVEY DAMAGED BUILDINGS FOR POSSIBLE DEMOLITION THROUGHOUT THE CITY. EACH TEAM IS COMPRISED OF A U.S. DEMOLITION EXPERT, A U.S. STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, A MEXICAN ARMY OFFICER, AND AN EXPLOSIVES EXPERT FROM THE MEXICAN SUBSIDIARY OFNT (WHICH WILL BE PROVIDING THE EXPLOSIVES). IT IS AGREED BY ALL CONCERNED THAT THERE WILL BE NO DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS BY EXPLOSIVES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THESE DEMOLITION TEAMS UNTIL AT LEAST ANOTHER 10-14 DAYS, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR RECOVERY OF ANY POSSIBLE REMAINING SURVIVORS AND TO ALLOW FOR RECOVERY OF CADAVERS. THE

GOM IS REPORTED TO BE WELL AWARE OF THE PUBLIC  
RELATIONS ASPECTS AND OF THE DELICATE ISSUE OF "SHOOTING"  
DOWN BUILDINGS WITH EXPLOSIVES, BUT IS REPORTED DETERMINED

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TO PROCEED WITH SUCH DEMOLITIONS, COMMENCING IN ABOUT  
TWO WEEKS TIME.

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6. EMBASSY FSN'S TO DONATE OVERTIME PAY FOR EARTHQUAKE  
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NUMEROUS FSN'S TODAY INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THEY WILL  
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DONATE ALL THE OVERTIME PAY THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO  
RECEIVE FOR OVERTIME DURING THE EARTHQUAKE CRISIS FOR  
RELIEF OF EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. THE IDEA APPEARS TO HAVE  
HAD SOMETHING OF A SNOWBALL EFFECT ON OTHER EMPLOYEES,  
BOTH FSN AND AMERICAN, MANY OF WHOM HAVE INDICATED  
THAT THEY WILL DO LIKEWISE.

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7. REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER'S HAM RADIO OPERATION  
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ONE OF THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE EARTHQUAKE HAS BEEN  
POST REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER WILLIAM B. BROWN, WHO,  
IN ADDITION TO HIS NORMAL MEDICAL DUTIES, IS AN AVID  
HAM RADIRATOR. IN THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER THE  
EARTHQUAKE, DR. BILL BROWN'S HAM RADIO WAS ONE OF  
THE FEW METHODS BY WHICH THE EMBASSY COULD COMMUNICATE  
WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. IN ADDITION, DR. BROWN AND  
SEVERAL VOLUNTEER FRIENDS MOUNTED A SERVICE IN HIS HOME  
WITH HIS HAM RADIO UNDER WHICH THEY UNDERTOOK TO PASS  
MESSAGES ON THE STATUS AND WELFARE OF PERSONS IN MEXICO  
IN THE WAKE OF THE EARTHQUAKE TO RELATIVES IN THE UNITED  
STATES. MORE THAN 1,000 SUCH MESSAGES HAVE THUS BEEN  
PASSED VIA DR. BROWN'S HAM RADIO SET. (LAB:JGWYNN)  
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SUBJECT: MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE: ASSISTANCE TO FSN  
- EMPLOYEES

REF: WATSON-SCHWARTZ TELCON 9/24

1. PER TELCON, WE ARE COORDINATING HERE AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FSNE'S WHO HAVE SUFFERED LOSSES TO VARYING DEGREES, THE GREATEST DIRECT LOSS TO ANY EMPLOYEE BEING THAT OF HOUSING. FORTUNATELY NONE OF OUR FSNE'S, OR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, SUSTAINED SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL INJURY OR LOSS OF LIFE.

2. OUR EFFORTS WILL COMBINE DONATIONS FROM AMERICAN AND MEXICAN EMPLOYEES FROM ALL POSTS IN MEXICO, AND A DONATION FROM OUR EUSEA (U.S. EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION). WE ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE MEXICAN EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION TO ASSURE THAT WE ARE TOGETHER AND THAT NEITHER OF US ARE AHEAD OF THE OTHER OR OUT OF STEP, AND TO INSURE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COLLECTED.

3. JOHN FUHRER IS COORDINATING WITH ARA/EX TO ASCERTAIN IF OTHER USG GRANT OR LOAN ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PER/FSN MAY BE ABLE  
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TO PROVIDE FUNDING.

4. WE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FSNE'S FROM OTHER USG MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD. WHILE THE NUMBERS OF FSNE'S HERE WHO HAVE SUFFERED FINANCIAL LOSS IS NOT LARGE, INDIVIDUALLY THEIR LOSSES ARE CONSIDERABLE. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE THE FUNDS REQUIRED TO MAKE THEM WHOLE, BUT OUR INITIAL ASSESSMENT IS THAT THEIR NEEDS ARE SUBSTANTIAL.

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5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING INTO THE  
POSSIBILITY OF THESE OTHER FUNDING SOURCES AND  
LETTING US KNOW. HERBERTCHULZ IS COORDINATING  
OUR EFFORTS HERE. BEST REGARDS, AND AGAIN THANK YOU.  
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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LIBRARY

REF: MEXICO 19796 (TO STATE - FBO)

1. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT-OWNED BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LIBRARY BUILDING SUFFERED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA HOUSING THE REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER, AS A RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO CITY.
2. THE DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY THE COLLAPSE OF THE ADJACENT HOTEL BUILDING WHICH WAS VIRTUALLY DESTROYED AND IS SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.
3. SEVERAL SUPPORTING COLUMNS OF THE LIBRARY BUILDING ARE DAMAGED AND PORTIONS OF THE WALL ADJACENT TO THE HOTEL WERE KNOCKED DOWN ON THE BASEMENT AND FIRST FLOOR LEVELS.
4. ASIDE FROM THE COLUMNS AND WALLS NEXT TO THE HOTEL, THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURAL DAMAGE ACCORDING TO THE FBO CONTRACTUAL BUILDING ENGINEER WHO HAS BEEN IN MEXICO ASSESSING EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OWNED AND OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

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5. THERE IS DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AS THE ELECTRICAL CONTROL PANEL SITUATED NEXT TO THE WALL ADJACENT TO THE HOTEL COLLAPSED DURING THE EARTHQUAKE. THE BUILDING CONSEQUENTLY IS WITHOUT NORMAL ELECTRICAL SERVICE.
6. THE AREA IN WHICH THE LIBRARY BUILDING IS LOCATED IS ALSO WITHOUT WATER, AND OFFICIAL ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT IT WILL BE AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE SERVICE IS

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7. THERE IS MINOR INTERNAL DAMAGE TO BOOK SHELVES FELL DURING THE EARTHQUAKE, BOOKS, PERIODICALS, AND FURNITURE; BUT WE WERE APPARENTLY SPARJOR DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT AND MOST FURNISHINGS.

8. WE HAVE ALREADY CONTRACTED A LOCAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING FIRM FAMILIAR WITH THE BUILDING TO PERFORM TEMPORARY REPAIR WORK OF SHORING UP THE DAMAGED COLUMNS BEFORE DEMOLITION OF THE ADJACENT HOTEL BEGINS.

9. WHEN THE HOTEL DEMOLITION IS COMPLETED, WE WILL THEN CONTRACT WITH A CONSTRUCTION FIRM TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PERMANENT REPAIRS.

10. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE TIME REQUIRED FOR ALL REPAIRS AND APPROXIMATE COSTS, BUT OUR CURRENT BEST GUESS IS 6-8 WEEKS BEFORE THE LIBRARY CAN BE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AND \$30,000-\$40,000 FOR BUILDING REPAIRS. AS A U.S. GOVERNMENT OWNED BUILDING, STRUCTURAL REPAIRS WILL BE PAID BY FBO.  
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11. PENDING COMPLETION OF REPAIRS, WE ARE PLANNING TO RENT SPACE FOR CORE OPERATIONS OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES OFFICE, IIE, AND THE LIBRARY AT THE MARIA ISABEL SHERATON HOTEL NEXT DOOR TO THE EMBASSY BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPT. 30.

12 WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS THE SITUATION EVOLVES.  
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1. UNAM PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFO.
2. DURING PERIOD SEPT 25 NOON TO SEPT 26 NOON, ONLY THREE AFTERSHOCKS RECORDED. MAGNITUDE VARIED FROM 3.5 TO 4 ON THE RICHTER SCALE.
3. UNAM HAVING DIFFICULTY OBTAINING DATA FROM OTHER STATIONS DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS.
4. TELEX AT TACUBAYA OBSERVATORY NOW FUNCTIONAL. UNAM APPRECIATES LOCATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT NEIS BE SENT DIRECTLY TO TELEX NUMBER 176019716 IGSSME. IF INFO SENT IN STANDARD FORMAT, DATA WILL GO DIRECT INTO UNAM'S COMPUTER THUS FACILITATING COMPUTATIONS.
5. UNAM WILL TELEX THEIR DATA DIRECTLY INTO NEIS.  
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CITY EASTERN HALF

1. FIELD INVESTIGATION INVOLVING V. WEHMAN (AID ASSESSMENT TEAM), RON BURKHARDT, (CARE DIRECTOR) AND ENGINEER ENRIQUE MEJIA MARAVILLA (COMISION DEL LAGO TEXCOCO, SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA Y RECURSOS HIDRAULICOS, REPRESENTING UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING), OCCURRED BETWEEN 1200 HOURS AND 1830 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1985. FIELD SURVEY INCLUDED THE NORTHEAST, EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN AREAS OF MEXICO CITY. PURPOSE WAS TO VIEW THE ACTUAL SITUATION IN EACH OF THESE AREAS, AND INVESTIGATE RUMORS WHICH COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIATED FROM A VARIETY OF MINISTRIES AND VOLUNTEER RESOURCES. A RUMOR EXAMPLE IS THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHEAST ARE SO IN NEED OF WATER THAT THEY ARE BREAKING INTO WATER MAINS IN THE STREETS TO GET AT THE LAST DRIBBLES OF WATER THAT REMAIN IN THE  
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MAINS. NONE OF THIS WAS OBSERVED AT ANY OF THE SITES INVOLVED.

2. STARTING IN THE SOUTHEAST, AND MOVING NORTHWARD IN A SERIES OF ELEVEN HELICOPTER LANDINGS IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES OR BARRIOS OF MEXICO CITY AND SOME PARTS OF THE STATE OF MEXICO, THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL PARAMETERERE OBSERVED WHICH INCLUDED; PHYSICAL EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE, WATER SUPPLY, STORAGE, DISINFECTION, DISTRIBUTION, EXCRETA DISPOSAL, CURRENT TANK TRUCK OPERATIONS AND METHODOLOGIES,

QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED, IN-HOUSE STORAGE CAPACITY IN THE FORM OF CISTERNS, WATER PRESSURE, WATER FLOW AND SOCIOLOGICAL ATTITUDES OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS INVOLVED. ESTIMATED POPULATION FOR THE PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF WATER SUPPLY AND IMPROVED DISINFECTION IS 3 TO 5 MILLION. ALL OF THE BARRIOS ARE EXTREMELY DENSELY POPULATED.

3. FOLLOWING REPRESENTS DIRECT OBSERVATIONS AT ELEVEN SPECIFIC LOCATIONS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY MEXICO CITY EARTHQUAKE.

A. XOCHIMILCO - LIMITED SUPERFICIAL EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE, WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTED FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE, BUT BEGAN FLOWING FROM NEARBY WELLS TODAY (9/25/85). NO HUMAN EXCRETA SEEN ON GROUND. LOCAL AUTHORITIES RESPONSIVE AND HELPED RESOLVE WATER SUPPLY PROBLEM, PEOPLE BOILING WATER, NO EXCRETA DISPOSAL PROBLEM. NO BACK-UP OF SEWERS. WATER FLOW IN HOUSES ABOUT 1 GALLON/MIN WITH 3-5 PSI PRESSURE. SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION BECAUSE WATER STILL NOT IN SCHOOL. PEOPLE VERY HELPFUL AND INFORMATIVE. WATER USE 6-7 GAL/CAP/DAY NOW.

B. LA ESPERANZA, IXTAPALAPA - WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTED  
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FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE. NO WATER. AT PRESENT HAS RECEIVED ONLY ONE TANK TRUCK FROM MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES IN WEEK FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE; COMMUNITY HAS SEWAGE SYSTEM, BUT AS LOW-LYING AREA, WORKS POORLY AND BACKS-UP DURING RAINY SEASON; NOT RAINING MUCH SINCE EARTHQUAKE; NUMEROUS BREAKS IN WATER LINES; ENTIRE ZONE WITHOUT WATER; LOCAL SCHOOLS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY QUAKE, BUT ONE/TWO STORY HOMES GENERALLY O.K.; PRIOR TO EARTHQUAKE ONLY RECEIVED WATER IN MORNINGS; INHABITANTS BOILING WATER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION; CARRYING WATER FROM APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER AWAY IN DIRTY CONTAINERS; NO NOTICEABLE EXCRETA DISPOSAL PROBLEM. ABITANTS HAVE BEEN USING WATER IN INDIVIDUAL HOUSE CISTERNS, BUT THAT WATER IS NOW ESSENTIALLY GONE. ESTIMATE IT WILL BE WEEKS BEFORE PIPED WATER RESTORED IN MAIN COMMUNITY WATER LINES, NEED WATER TANKS AND WATER TRUCKS NOW. ESSENTIALLY NO CONTINUITY ON WATER SUPPLY FOR AREA (ESTIMATED POPULATION OVER 100,000 --WILL TRY TO BETTER DEFINE POPULATION TOMORROW). TRUCKS HAVING TO WAIT HOURS AT GATES TO DUMP WATER INTO INDIVIDUAL BUCKETS OF PEOPLE, NO MOBILE WATER STORAGE TANKS AVAILABLE TO THIS GROUP FOR EMERGENCY STORAGE, DISINFECTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

C. COLONIA PALMITAS, IXTAPALAPA - (ESTIMATED POPULATION 60,000). RECEIVED WATER REGULARLY THROUGH MUNICIPAL SYSTEM PRIOR TO EARTHQUAKE, WHEN SERVICE STOPPED; NO WATER IN COMMUNITY NOW; COMMUNITY HAS RECEIVED TWO 10,000 LITER (2,500 GAL) WATER TANKER DELIVERIES IN WEEK FOLLOWING

EARTHQUAKE; MUNICIPAL GUADALAJARA REPRESENTATIVE ON SITE WITH 8,000 LITER TANK TRUCK DURING VISIT INDICATED TWENTY-ONE WATER TRUCKS ARRIVED ON LOAN FROM GUADALAJARA YESTERDAY, AND THAT OTHER TRUCKS HAVE BEEN LOANED BY TLAXCALA, PUEBLA AND OTHER CITIES. GUADALAJARA TANK TRUCK GROUP HOPES TO IMPROVE TANK TRUCK SERVICE. NO WATER

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TREATMENT PURIFICATION IN USE. ESTIMATED 3-7 GALLON PER CAPITA DAILY CONSUMPTION. GOOD ACCESS FOR TANK TRUCK OPERATIONS. INHABITANTS INDICATED THEY WALK ESTIMATED THREE KILOMETERS TO OBTAIN WATER FROM NEARBY COMMUNITY, WHICH IS RELUCTANT TO SUPPLY THEM. NORMAL WATER FLOW IN COMMUNITY IS BETWEEN 40-50 GAL DAY/CAP ESTIMATED BEFORE EARTHQUAKE. PEOPLE ROUTINELY BOIL WATER FOR COOKING AND DRINKING. NO EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

D. LOMAS LA ESTANCIA, AND MIGUEL DE LA MADRID, IXTAPALAPA  
 - VIRTUALLY MOBBED ON ARRIVAL BY LARGE NUMBER OF  
 COMMUNITY MEMBERS DESPERATE REPEAT DESPERATE FOR WATER.  
 WHILE RECENTLY EMPTIED MEXICAN ARMY WATER TANKER TRUCK IN  
 PLAZA. INHABITANTS INDICATED WATER SUPPLY CEASED  
 FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE. NO EXCRETA (HUMAN) ON GROUND EVEN  
 IN THIS VERY POOR AREA. HAVE POOR FLUSH TOILETS IN  
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HOUSES. NO WATER TO FLUSH NOW. THIS COMMUNITY WAS NOT  
 SUPPLIED BY CITY SYSTEM, BUT HAD RECEIVED SOME TRUCK  
 DELIVERIES FROM WHICH THEY DREW WATER. WATER IN CISTERNS  
 (INDIV.) NOW EMPTY. PEOPLE ARE BOILING WATER. NO SEVERE  
 BUILDING DAMAGE. INHABITANTS INDICATED SEVERE FRUSTRATION  
 AND DESPERATION WERE BUYING WATER IN GLASS  
 CONTAINERS (20 LITER FOR 1,500 PESOS). COMMUNITY IN BAD  
 NEED FOR INCREASED WATER SUPPLY. ESTIMATED USE IS 1-2  
 GAL/CAP/DAY NOW. THEY HAD PIPED WATER BEFORE AT 30-40  
 GAL/CAP/DAY. NO EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

E. BARRIO SANTA BARBARA, IXTAPALAPA - COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
 INDICATED REGULAR WATER SUPPLY PRIOR TO EARTHQUAKE; NOW  
 GETTING LESS THAN ONE GAL/CAP/DAY; NO EXCRETA ON GROUND;  
 COMMUNITY BOILING WATER. VERY LITTLE WATER RECEIVED  
 THROUGH SYSTEM. COMMUNITY HAS NO SEWAGE NOR GARBAGE  
 DISPOSAL FACILITIES. SCHOOL SUFFERED SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE  
 DAMAGE. CISTERNS IN HOUSES NOW EMPTY, MOTHERS DESPERATE  
 FOR WATER SUPPLY, NOW WALKING OVER 2 KM. TO BRING BACK  
 WATER FROM UNPROTECTED SOURCE. SLIGHT BUILDING DAMAGE.

F. COLONIA G. RAMOS MILLAN, IXTACALCO - COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
 TAKING WATER FROM DRAINS IN STREET. NO WATER SUPPLY IN  
 PIPES SINCE EARTHQUAKE. WATER TANKERS COME EVERY OTHER  
 DAY, BUT SUPPLY AND STORAGE INSUFFICIENT. NO EXCRETA ON  
 GROUND. VERY LARGE POPULATION AT RISK, WOMEN ANGRY AT  
 PITCH OF WATER RECEIVING BY TANK TRUCKS. NOW USING 3-4  
 GAL/CAP/DAY FROM ANY AND ALL SOURCES. PEOPLE SCRAMBLING  
 FOR WATER. NO EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

G. COLONIA METROPOLITANA, PRIMERA SECCION, CIUDAD  
 NETZAHUALCOYOTL, STATE OF MEXICO - WATER SUPPLY CEASED  
 FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE; INHABITANTS CROSS MAJOR BOULEVARD  
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(1.5 KM AWAY) TO OBTAIN FROM OTHER COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS  
 RESISTED PROVIDING THEM WITH SCARCE WATER. POPULATION  
 EXTREMELY DENSE IN AREA FOR 40 X 40 BLOCKS (15 HOUSES PER  
 BLOCK - 6-10 PEOPLE/HOUSE). PRIVATE SUPPLIERS SELLING



WATER AT HIGH COST. MANY HAD IN-HOUSE CISTERNS, NOW EMPTY, AND SUPPLIES VIRTUALLY USED UP. INHABITANTS NOT FAMILIAR WITH USE OF CHLORINE, BUT INDICATED THEY EITHER PURCHASE BOTTLED WATER OR BOIL WATER OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES. INHABITANTS DAILY CONSUMPTION - TWENTY GALLONS PER PERSON, AVERAGE 5 GAL/CAP/DAY. NO SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROBLEM EVIDENT, BUT TEAM FELT SEWAGE BACK-UP POTENTIAL VERY REAL AS SOON AS THEY START USING THE TOILETS AGAIN. NO EXCRETA FOUND ON GROUND. SCHOOLS CLOSED BECAUSE OF WATER PROBLEM. NO EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

H. BARRIO JUAREZ, CIUDAD NETZAHUALCOYOTL, STATE OF MEXICO - WATER SUPPLY ENDED FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE, CISTERNS DRY AFTER APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS, TEAM ENCOUNTERED NEAR PANIC REPEAT PANIC SITUATION, AS LARGE NUMBERS COMMUNITY MEMBERS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN WATER FROM WATER TANK TRUCK THAT HAD JUST EMPTIED. COMMUNITY MEMBERS INDICATED VERY INADEQUATE DELIVERIES, NO WATER IN PIPES SINCE LAST FRIDAY, CISTERNS ESSENTIALLY EMPTY. GOOD ACCESS FOR TANK TRUCK/WATER TANK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. TRUCK FROM MUNICIPALITY AND SECRETARY OF HEALTH WAS DISTRIBUTING WATER DURING VISIT. SOME WOMEN INDICATED THEY HAD WAITED SINCE THE NIGHT BEFORE AND THERE WAS GENERAL DESPERATION WHEN TRUCK SUPPLY WAS DEPLETED AND IT DEPARTED. NO EXCRETA ON GROUND, WOMEN VERY ANGRY AND AT SITUATION OF WATER. WATER USE NOW LESS THAN ONE GAL/CAP/DAY. NORMAL FLOWS IN EXCESS OF 50 GAL/CAP/DAY BEFORE EARTHQUAKE. DENSE POPULATION, SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE. NO

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EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

I. AMPLIACION CASAS ALEMAN, GUSTAVO A. MADERO - TEAM  
OBSERVED BROKEN WATER MAIN WITH WATER FLOWING AT ABOUT 500  
GALLONS A MINUTE. COMMUNITY MEMBERS INDICATED WATER  
SUPPLY STOPPED FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE AND THEY OBTAINED  
THEIR NEEDS FROM THE BROKEN STREET MAIN. THEY SEEMED  
AWARE OF NEED TO BOIL WATER AND INDICATED THEY ARE  
ECONOMIZING AND USING AS LITTLE WATER AS POSSIBLE DUE TO  
THE INCONVENIENCE OF OBTAINING SUPPLIES FROM BROKEN MAIN.  
TEAM CALCULATED APPROXIMATE DAILY PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION  
OF THREE TO FOUR GALLONS PER PERSON. NO EXCRETA FOUND ON  
GROUND SITES. VERY LIMITED WATER FLOW. CISTERNS NOW  
EMPTY. VERY LIMITED EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE. DENSE POPULATION  
AREA.

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J. COLONIA NUEVO PASEO SAN AGUSTIN, ECATEPEC, STATE OF  
MEXICO - TEAM FOUND WATER SUPPLY FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.  
COMMUNITY SUPPLIED FROM LOCAL WELLS. NO EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE  
VISIBLE AND SCHOOLS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY. NO SEWAGE OR  
DRAINAGE PROBLEMS VISIBLE. NO EXCRETA ON GROUND. DENSE  
POPULATION AREA.

K. SAN JOSE XALOSTOC, ECATEPEC, STATE OF MEXICO -  
COMMUNITY HAD ADEQUATE WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM  
PRIOR EARTHQUAKE. EARTHQUAKE DID NOT AFFECT EITHER  
WATER OR SEWAGE SERVICE, ALTHOUGH WATER PRESSURE VERY  
LOW. ONE GAL/MIN AT 3-5 PSI. AREA OK. NO EARTHQUAKE  
DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

1. INDISCRIMINATE DISPOSAL OF HUMAN FECES IN BOTH MIDDLE  
CLASS AND LOWER SOCIO-ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AREAS WAS NOT  
REPEAT NOT VISIBLE AND DOES NOT REPRESENT CURRENTLY A  
SANITATION THREAT TO THE COMMUNITIES.

2. ESTIMATED THREE TO FIVE MILLION PEOPLE CURRENTLY RECEIVING FROM ONE TO TWENTY GALLONS PER CAPITA PER DAY WITH AN AVERAGE OF 4 GALLONS PER DAY PER CAPITA. NORMAL ESTIMATED WATER USE ESTIMATED AT FORTY GALLONS PER CAPITA BASED UPON DISCUSSIONS WITH OVER 50 INDIVIDUALS AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SOURCES EXERCISING CAREFUL QUESTIONING TECHNIQUES.

3. WEHMAN ESTIMATES 800,000 TO 1.2 MILLION CURRENTLY HAVING TO PHYSICALLY TRAVEL MORE THAN TWO KILOMETERS TO OBTAIN WATER FOR FAMILIES FROM UNPROTECTED, UNRELIABLE SOURCES.

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4. ESSENTIALLY ALL CISTERNS BEING USED BY VARIOUS SOCIO-ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES WERE OBSERVED TO BE RECENTLY EMPTIED. PEOPLE NOW HAVING TO RELY ON WATER INPUTS FROM EXTERNAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

5. CURRENT TANK TRUCK WATER OPERATIONS TERRIBLY INEFFICIENT. MOVING OF WATER AND SUPPLY TO COMMUNITIES IS ON A HIT-OR-MISS BASIS. CURRENTLY, TANK TRUCKS SEEN NOT UNDER ANY CENTRAL CONTROL OR ORGANIZATION WITH ANY PLANNED PROGRAM. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ACTIVELY TRYING TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION. WEHMAN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THEM.

6. COMMUNITIES CURRENTLY NOT ASKED TO HELP OR ORGANIZED TO HELP IN CURRENT WATER TANK TRUCK OPERATIONS OR WATER POINT OPERATIONS.

7. THIS IS THE LARGEST AND MOST SERIOUS WATER SITUATION WEHMAN HAS EVER SEEN.

8. EVEN IN THE POOREST SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITIES INVOLVED, PEOPLE'S LIFE PATTERNS ARE USED TO MUCH MORE THAN WHAT THEY NOW HAVE AVAILABLE. PESEEM EXTREMELY RELIANT ON THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO BRING THEM WATER; THEY EXPECT IT AND THEY JUST WAIT UNTIL IT COMES, UNLESS PANICKED AND THEN THEY GO SCROUNGE.

9. TEAM OBSERVED MANY WATER WAITING LINES, ESPECIALLY DIRECTLY SOUTH AND NORTH OF AIRPORT, INVOLVING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LINED UP AT INTERSECTIONS WAITING FOR WATER WITH NO TANK TRUCKS AVAILABLE AT SITE OR EMERGENCY WATER POINTS AT SITES.

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10. WATER SITUATION DISCUSSED WITH SUB-SECRETARY OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (MR. GONZALEZ) AND HIS DIRECTOR OF TANK TRUCK AND EMERGENCY STORAGE OPERATIONS (ENGINEER GERARDO CRUISCHANK GARCIA, 760-U063 OR 760-0263) AND OTHER EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY (TANK TRUCK OPERATIONS), ENGINEERING SENIOR PLANNERS AT 2,000 HOURS ON 25 SEPT. 85. INSTEAD OF THE HUNDREDS OF TANK TRUCKS INITIALLY BELIEVED AVAILABLE, AS A RESULT OF APPEALS TO OTHER MEXICAN COMMUNITIES, THE GROUP NOW ONLY HAS 42 TANK TRUCKS, CAP. 1,500,000 LITERS UNDER ITS CONTROL. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IS TRYING TO GET MORE TANK TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY WATER STORAGE TANKS (CANVAS, STEEL, ETC.) FOR ITS OPERATIONS. ITS GROUP IS CONCENTRATING, HOWEVER, IN DIRECT EASTERN PART OF CITY, NORTH OF AIRPORT. SOUTHEAST PART OF CITY STILL NOT BEING ADDRESSED (1.5-2.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN VERY DENSE HOUSING).

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SUB-SECRETARY ASKED FOR 3,000-5,000 GALLON (500) WATER STORAGE TANKS ON AN URGENT BASIS. WEHMAN ASKED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SAHR GROUP BY SUB-SECRETARY. IN HELPING TO GET IT ORGANIZED AND FUNCTIONING. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE GROUP SEEMS VERY EXCT IN PLANNING CAPACITY. HAVE NO WAY AT THIS TIME TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS FOR FIELD OPERATIONS.

11. SITUATION OVERALL IS BAD TO WORSENING IN EASTERN/SOUTHEASTERN AREAS WITH REGARDS TO WATER SUPPLY, DISINFECTION AND TIMELY, EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION. UNLESS THE EFFICIENCY IS GREATLY IMPROVED FROM WHAT WAS OBSERVED, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE JUST NOT GOING TO BE SERVED. AFTER INTERVIEWS WITH MOTHERS, EVIDENT THERE IS NO INCREASE IN DISEASES IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.  
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1. AID/MEX IS WORKING WITH GOM TO COORDINATE A LARGE SHIPMENT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT FROM LOS ANGELES UNDER THE SISTER CITIES PROGRAM.
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2. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL US CITS WHO HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS THAT THEIR MESSAGES VIA THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO RELATIVES IN THE US HAD NOT BEEN DELIVERED BEFORE THEY THEMSELVES WERE ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT.
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3. THUS FAR THE ONLY FOREIGN DEMOLITION EXPERTS IN MEXICO ARE THOSE SENT FROM THE U.S. ACCORDING TO GOM OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF DEMOLITION, NO OTHER EXPERTS ARE EXPECTED FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY. NO DEMOLITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUR PRIOR TO OCTOBER 5.
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4. NUEVO LEON COMPLEX. RESCUE OPERATIONS HAVE STOPPED AT THE NUEVO LEON COMPLEX IN TLATELOLCO AS OF AROUND 2000 ACCORDING TO U.S. RESCUE TEAMS.
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5. INCOMING FLIGHTS. ONE C-141 LANDED AT 2100L  
SEPTEMBER 26 WITH A PRIMARY CARGO OF COLLAPSABLE  
WATER BAGS. EMBASSY HAS TWO C-130 FLIGHTS LISTED FOR  
SEPTEMBER ONE AT 1230L WITH OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE  
BOTTLES AND ONE AT 1445L WITH SURGICAL MASKS.  
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1. POSSIBLE DISCOVERY OF SURVIVOR:

AT MIDNIGHT RESCUE TEAMS DETECTED WHAT THEY THINK  
MIGHT BE ANOTHER SURVIVOR TRAPPED IN AN UNNAMED  
COLLAPSED BUILDING. AS OF 0700 WE HAVE RECEIVED NO  
FURTHER REPORT ON THIS EFFORT.

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2. NOTHING ELSE OF SUBSTANCE TO REPORT:

WHICH IS TO SAY THAT RELIEF COORDINATION IS MAKING  
THE TRANSITION TO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND DEMOLITION.  
U.S. DOG TEAMS INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS  
WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON TODAY.

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP: SITREP NO. 17  
SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 2000 EDT SEPTEMBER 25, 1985

1. (C) THE MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP IS RECEIVING PRELIMINARY INFORMATION THAT A LARGE GROUP OF SURVIVORS, NUMBERING UP TO 25, HAS BEEN LOCATED BY THE US FORESTRY SERVICE TEAM IN THE RUBBLE OF THE JUAREZ HOSPITAL. THERE IS ALSO A TROUBLING REPORT THAT A VENEZUELAN RESCUE TEAM  
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AT THE SITE MAY BE IN DISTRESS DUE TO A COLLAPSED TUNNEL. AMBASSADOR GAVIN AND EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE AT THE JUAREZ HOSPITAL SITE AT THIS WRITING.

2. (U) EARLIER IN THE DAY FIVE ADDITIONAL INFANTS WERE RESCUED FROM HOSPITAL RUINS.

3. (C) MEXICAN FINANCE SECRETARY JESUS SILVA HERZOG PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 26 TO TALK WITH TREASURY SECRETARY BAKER AND ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE

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WHITEHEAD. HE ALSO SEEKS TO MEET WITH PAUL VOLCKER AND IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR DE LA ROSIERE. IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHAT APPRLVA HERZOG WILL TAKE IN THESE MEETINGS,

THOUGH MEXICO'S POST-EARTHQUAKE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES ARE SUBSTANTIAL.

4. (U) US EMBASSY MEXICO REPORTS THAT US-OWNED INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES IN MEXICO APPARENTLY ESCAPED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE, ALTHOUGH SEARS LOST A MAJOR OUTLET. FORD AND OTHER AUTOMAKERS EXPECT PRODUCTION DELAYS OWING TO DISRUPTION IN INVENTORY-CONTROL PROCEDURES BECAUSE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS PROBLEMS, WHICH MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ORDER COMPONENTS FROM THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
5. (U) SITUATION REPORT NO. 16 REPORTED 65 AIRCRAFT FROM VARIOUS NATIONS ARRIVING IN MEXICO CITY SINCE LAST THURSDAY WITH 1.4 TONS OF MEDICINE, FOOD AND RELIEF EQUIPMENT. CORRECT TONNAGE FIGURE IS REPORTEDLY 2,000. WHITEHEAD

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- STATUS REPORT.

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1. AS OF 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, ON SEPTEMBER 27, THE  
FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAD  
TAKEN PLACE.

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RESCUE PHASE NOW WINDING DOWN - DOG TEAMS DEPARTING

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2. AS OF TODAY, RESCUE EFFORTS ARE STARTING TO WIND DOWN,  
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AND FOREIGN RESCUE TEAMS WHICH ARE NO LONGER NEEDED ARE  
STARTING TO DEPART. THIS AFTERNOON THE ELEVEN U.S. RESCUE  
DOGS AND THEIR 16 HANDLERS WILL RETURN TO THE UNITED  
STATES, AS WILL ONE OF THE TWO U.S. SEISMIC TEAMS.  
YESTERDAY THE SWISS DOG RESCUE TEAM DEPARTED, AND THE  
REMAINING DOG TEAMS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM FRANCE AND  
GERMANY HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WILL DEPART TOMORROW. THE  
REASON FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE FOREIGN DOG RESCUE TEAMS  
INCLUDE A) THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE VIRTUALLY SNIFFED OUT  
ALL POSSIBLE DAMAGED BUILDING SITES WHERE THERE MIGHT BE SURVIVORS, AND B)

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THAT AFTER 4-6 DAYS ON THE JOB  
THE DOGS HAVE REACHED THE LIMITS OF THEIR CAPACITY AND  
NEED MANY DAYS OF REST, AND IT WOULD NOT BE WORTHWHILE  
AT THIS POINT TO BRING IN NEW DOGS TO REPLACE THEM.

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POSSIBILITIES OF FINDING LIVE SURVIVORS GROWING MORE

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REMOTE - EFFORTS CONCENTRATED TODAY AT JUAREZ HOSPITAL  
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3. IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE POSSIBILITIES OF STILL  
FINDING LIVE SURVIVORS IS GROWING INCREASINGLY REMOTE,  
AND THAT WITHIN ANOTHER 36-48 HOURS THEY MAY BE NIL.  
THE ONE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION IS THE SITE OF THE JUAREZ  
HOSPITAL, WHERE A NUMBER OF INFANTS IN THE MATERNITY  
WARD AND WHERE A DOCTOR AND A NURSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE  
COLLAPSED HOSPITAL HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND DUG OUT ALIVE  
DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS. REPORTEDLY AS OF THIS MORNING  
THERE WERE STILL SOME WEAK TAPPING SOUNDS HEARD FROM  
BEHIND SOME OF THE MASSIVE CONCRETE BLOCKS WHICH  
BURIED PEOPLE IN THE RUBBLE AT THE SITE, AND VARIOUS  
MEXICAN AND FOREIGN RESCUE CREWS ARE STILL WORKING AT THE  
HOSPITAL SITE, INCLUDING THE U.S. TV "SNAKE" SCANNER  
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CREW FROM THE U.S. BUREAU OF MINES.

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NUEVO LEON BUILDING IN TLATELOLCO COMPLEX - NO MORE SIGNS  
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FAILURE TO PROVIDE BNG, INASMUCH AS THEIR DOGS, SEISMIC CREWS,  
AND OTHER MEANS OF DETECTION HAVE IN THE PAST 24 HOURS  
DETECTED NO MORE SIGNS OR SOUNDS OF LIFE UNDER THE  
BUILDING. CREWS AT THE SITE ARE STILL CONTINUING TO  
REMOVE RUBBLE, HOWEVER, AS IS WORLD-FAMED SINGER PLACIDO  
DOMINGO, BUT REPORTEDLY ONLY DEAD BODIES ARE BEING  
RECOVERED THERE NOW.

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CASUALTY FIGURES  
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5. OFFICIAL CASUALTY FIGURES RELEASED BY THE MEXICO  
CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT RAISED YESTERDAY THE TOTAL TO  
4,600 PERSONS DEAD IN THE QUAKE, ALTHOUGH THESE FIGURES  
STILL SEEM SO LOW AS TO STRAIN CREDULITY. THE NEWSPAPER  
EXCELSIOR LISTED IN TODAY'S EDITION A FIGURE OF 9,000  
DEAD. MEANWHILE, YESTERDAY THE LEADER OF THE FRENCH  
RESCUE CONTINGENT HERE WAS QUOTED ON A LOCAL RADIO

STATION AS ESTIMATING THAT THE DEAD WILL TOTAL SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 10,000 AND 30,000, BASED ON THE FRENCH TEAM'S RESCUE WORK IN DIFFERENT SITES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND THEIR ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS STILL TRAPPED, AND PRESUMED DEAD, UNDER COLLAPSED BUILDINGS. MEANWHILE THE U.S. CASUALTY FIGURE IN THE EARTHQUAKE REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, I.E. FIVE CONFIRMED AMERICANS DEAD AND 28 AMERICANS MISSING (MOST OF WHOM PRESUMED DEAD).

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U.S./MEXICAN DEMOLITION TEAM  
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6. THE JOINT U.S./MEXICAN DEMOLITION TEAM CONTINUES ITS  
SURVEY OF DAMAGED BUILDINGS TO DETERMINE WHICH ONES  
SHOULD BE DESIGNATED FOR DEMOLITION BY EXPLOSIVES. THE  
TEAM HAS COME UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE HEAD OF ITS MEXICAN  
COMPONENT, A MEXICAN ARMY MAJOR, TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS  
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OF STARTING THE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS. THE MEXICAN  
ARMY MAJOR PRESSED YESTERDAY TO SET A TARGET DATE OF  
NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, TO "SHOOT" DOWN ITS FIRST  
BUILDING, APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE MEXICAN ARMY IS UNDER

PRESSURE FROM SOMEWHERE HIGHER UP TO START TO PRODUCE SOME RESULTS ON THE DEMOLITION FRONT. THE U.S. DEMOLITION EXPERTS, HOWEVER, WERE ABLE TO FINALLY CONVINCE THE MEXICAN ARMY THAT UNDUE HASTE WOULD BE DANGEROUS, AND THE MEXICAN ARMY AGREED TO SET SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, AS THE DATE ON WHICH THEY WOULD DEMOLISH BY EXPLOSIVES THEIR FIRST BUILDING FOLLOWED BY THE BLOWING UP OF A SECOND BUILDING THE NEXT DAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6. ALL PARTIES CONCERNED REALIZE THAT THERE MAY BE GREAT EMOTION AND RESISTENCE ON THE PART OF FORMER TENANTS OF HEAVILY DAMAGED BUILDINGS SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION, ON THE GROUNDS THAT FAMILY MEMBERS WANT TO CONTINUE SEARCHES FOR CADAVERS OR WANT TO SEE IF THEY CAN REMOVE FURNISHINGS.

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MORE U.S. AIRCRAFT ARRIVE  
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7. TODAY, TWO MORE U.S. AIR FORCE C-130 AIRCRAFT CARRYING RELIEF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY.

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FSN'S RELOCATED  
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8. AS A RESULT OF THE TWO EARTHQUAKES, SIXTEEN FOREIGN SERVICE NATIONALS (FSN'S) AT EMBASSY MEXICO CITY HAD THEIR HOMES OR APARTMENTS DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE RENDERED UNINHABITABLE. THE EMBASSY HAS RELOCATED THESE 16 FSN'S  
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IN EMBASSY TEMPORARY QUARTERS OF VARIOUS TYPES, PENDING THE ACQUISITION OF NEW PERMANENT QUARTERS BY THESE EMPLOYEES.

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HOTELS IN MEXICO CITY  
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9. AS A RESULT OF THE TWO EARTHQUAKES, SEVEN HOTELS IN MEXICO CITY WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED (THESE INCLUDE THE REGIS AND CONTINENTAL HOTELS), AND ANOTHER 18 WERE DAMAGED AND EVACUATED (INCLUDING THE HOTEL PRESIDENTE IN THE ZONA ROSA). ALL OTHER HOTELS IN THE MEXICO CITY METROPOLITAN AREA ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS, ALTHOUGH SOME SUSTAINED SLIGHT OR VERY LIMITED DAMAGE.

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GOVERNMENT DECENTRALIZATION TO COMMENCE  
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10. THE GOM HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIRST GOVERNMENT ENTITY WHICH WILL MOVE ITS HEADQUARTERS TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION OUTSIDE OF MEXICO CITY IN THE WAKE OF THE EARTH-

OF SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20, WILL BE THE FEDERAL  
DIRECTORATE OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, WHICH WILL ESTABLISH  
ITS NEW HEADQUARTERS IN CUERNAVACA.

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ACTIVITIES OF COMMERCIAL OFFICERS

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11. THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE USFCS IN MEXICO CITY  
HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN EARTHQUAKE-RELATED  
LIAISON AND ACTIVITIES WITH THE AMERICAN BUSINESS  
COMMUNITY HERE IN THE WAKE OF THE SEPTEMBER 19 QUAKE.  
THE USFCS OFFICES HAVE SINCE THE INITIAL QUAKE BEEN  
USED AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR AMERICAN FIRMS TO PASS  
MESSAGES TO PARENT FIRMS IN THE U.S. AND VICE-VERSA.  
IN ADDITION THE FCS OFFICERS AND STAFF HAVE ALSO BEEN  
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HEAVILY INVOLVED IN COORDINATING DISASTER ASSISTANCE WITH  
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY,  
INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN ACTUAL RESCUE AND RELIEF  
WORK. THUS USFCS OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE  
LOCAL AMERICAN COMPANIES TO OBTAIN AND PROVIDE TO RESCUE  
WORKERS RESCUE EQUIPMENT OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO SECURE,  
SUCH AS CONCRETE SAWS. ONE OF THE LOCAL COMPANIES WHICH  
HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND HAS PROVIDED THE MOST IN  
THE WAY OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE RESCUE EFFORT,  
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IS THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY OF MEXICO. IT WAS ALSO  
THE LOCAL FORD MOTOR COMPANY WHICH PROVIDED, IN RESPONSE  
TO THE REQUEST TO THE AMBASSADOR RELAYED TO FORD BY THE

SCO, THE DESPERATELY NEEDED EQUIPMENT WHICH WORLD-FAMOUS SINGER PLACIDO DOMINGO REQUESTED OF MRS. NANCY REAGAN DURING THE AMERICAN FIRST LDY'S VISIT TO MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 23 (SEE SITREP 60). MOST AMERICAN FIRMN MEXICO DID NOT SUFFER MAJOR DAMAGE DURING THE EARTHQUAKE, INASMUCH AS MOST ARE NOT LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF MEXICO CITY WHERE THE DAMAGE FROM THE QUAKE WAS MOST SEVERE. AN EXCEPTION WAS SEARS ROEBUCK WHICH HAD ONE OF ITS STORES IN THE COLONIA ROMA HEAVILY DAMAGED. MEANWHILE, THE EVACUATED U.S. TRADE CENTER BUILDING IS BEING USED, WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE USCS AND THE EMBASSY, AS A POLICE COMMAND POST, INASMUCH AS IT WAS ONE OF THE LEAST DAMAGED BUILDINGS IN AN AREA OF SEVERAL SQUARE BLOCKS WHERE THERE WAS HEAVY DAMAGE AND COLLAPSE OF BUILDINGS. (DRAFTED:JBGWYNN) GAVIN

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- MEDIA SUMMARY.

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ALL MAJOR MEXICO CITY DAILIES, RADIO AND TV STATIONS CONTINUE TO HIGHLIGHT EARTHQUAKE-RELATED STORIES, ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF OTHER UNRELATED STORIES HAS INCREASED IN THE FRONT-PAGES. THE DAILIES STRESS THAT MORE LIVE PERSONS WERE RESCUED FROM THE RUBBLE YESTERDAY, BUT "TIME IS RUNNING OUT."

2. THE MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS THAT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE  
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CONTINUES TO ARRIVE IN THE COUNTRY, REPORTING THAT APPROXIMATELY 80 PLANES HAVE COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WITH ASSISTANCE. SEVERAL STORIES NOTE THAT YESTERDAY (09/26) ANOTHER U.S. AIR FORCE PLANE ARRIVED WITH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE RESCUE TEAMS, INCLUDING CONCRETE AND METAL CHAIN SAWS AS WELL AS OXYGEN TANKS AND A NUMBER OF OTHER TOOLS.

3. FOUR NEWSPAPERS AND TWO TV NEWSCASTS CARRIED USIS-PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE U.S. ASSISTANCE,

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INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BROUOWN BY THE  
USG TO ASSIST IN THE RELIEF EFFORT. THE  
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER "THE NEWS" REPORTS ON THE  
OVER 1500 RADIO MESSAGES CONVEYED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY  
DOCTOR, WILLIAM BROWN, THROUGH HIS HAM RIO ON BEHALF  
OF U.S. CITIZENS RESIDING OR VISITING MEXICO CITY WHEN  
THE EARTHQUAKE STRUCK THE CITY.

4. IN THE AFTERNOON OF 09/26 THE MASS CIRCULATION  
NEWSPAPER "ULTIMAS NOTICIAS" OF EXCELSIOR REPORTED THAT  
THE WEST GERMAN RESCUE TEAM WAS LEAVING MEXICO BECAUSE  
OF LACK OF COORDINATION IN RESCUE OPERATIONS. A MEMBER  
OF THE GROUP WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE THERE WAS  
VERY LITTLE OR NO ORGANIZATION AT ALL AND THAT THIS HAD  
PREVENTED THE RESCUE OF MORE LIVE PESONS. TODAY  
(09/27) THREE NEWSPAPERS INDICATE THAT THE GERMAN AND  
SWISS TEAMSHAVE CRITICIZED THE LACK OF COORDINATION.  
HOWEVER, THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO SAID THAT THAT  
WAS NOT THE CASE, THAT THE GERMAN TEAM WILL LEAVE  
TOMORROW BECAUSE THAT DATE WAS SET BEFOREHAND FOR ITS  
DEPARTURE.

5. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS NOTE THAT THE INTERSECRETARIAT  
COMMISSION HEADED BY MEXICO CITY'S MAYOR, RAMON  
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AGUIRRE, DID NOT GIVE OUT YESTERDAY, FOR THE FIRST  
TIME, ANY FIGURES ON CASUALTIES. NOVEDADES (MODERATE),  
HOWEVER, SAYS THAT BY ADDING THE FIGURES RELEASED  
EVERYDAY BY MEXICO CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE NUMBER  
OF DEAD IS 4,696. EXCELSIOR (LEFTIST-NATIONALISTIC)  
CARRIES TWO FRONT-PAGE STORIES ON THE SUBJECT -- ONE  
SAYING THAT THE NUMBER OF DEAD IS AROUND 9,000, AND THE  
OTHER SAYING THAT IT IS OVER 9,000. EL UNIVERSAL  
(LEFTIST-NATIONALISTIC) SAYS THAT THE NUMBER OF DEAD IS  
OVER 5,000.

6. UNOMASUNO (LEFTIST-NATIONALISTIC) REPORTS THAT  
1,132 BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED BY THE EARTHQUAKE. 417 OF  
THEM HAVE COLLAPSED OR WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED, 103  
ARE REPAIRABLE AND 612 EXPERIENCED NO SERIOUS DAMAGE  
AND ARCTIONING NORMALLY. GAVIN

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- IN TRANSMITTING MESSAGES FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

1. THE EARTHQUAKE CUT THE LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS OF MANY OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS IN MEXICO CITY, AS WELL AS THAT OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SECRETARIATS. THUS, A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THROUGH THEIR EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, REQUESTING U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IN REACHING THEIR EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY. LIKEWISE, A NUMBER OF EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY, AS WELL AS MEXICAN OFFICIALS, APPROACHED THE U.S. EMBASSY TO AID IN SENDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS

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AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES OUTSIDE MEXICO.

2. AMONG THE LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 19 AND 26 WERE: THE EMBASSIES OF ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, CYPRUS, ECUADOR, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GREECE, GREAT BRITAIN, INDIA, INDONESIA, ISRAEL, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, JAPAN, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PORTUGAL, SENEGAL, SWITZERLAND, TUNISIA, TURKEY, GERMANY AND THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATION FROM THE VATICAN.

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3. FORTUNATELY, THE U.S. EMBASSY MESSAGES CARRIED GOOD NEWS FOR THOSE CONCERNED, WITH REPORTS THAT THESE OTHER COUNTRIES' DIPLOMATS WERE NOT INJURED AND THAT MOST CHANCERIES SUFFERED LITTLE OR NO DAMAGE. SADLY, SOME EMBASSIES ASKED US TO PASS ON THE NEWS THAT A NUMBER OF THEIR CITIZENS HAD BEEN REPORTED AS DEAD OR MISSING.  
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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX  
SUBJECT: SITREP 65: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - MEXICAN  
- MILITARY INVOLVEMENT

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1. THIS SITREP PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON THE MEXICAN MILITARY  
INVOLVEMENT IN EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RELIEF AS OF  
SEPTEMBER 27.

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2. ONE WEEK AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES, THE ARMY'S PARTICIPA-  
TION IN DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS HAS BEGUN TO NORMALIZE.  
THE ARMY'S PRINCIPAL ROLE REMAINS PROVIDING SECURITY  
FOR ALL AFFECTED AREAS AND GUARANTEEING PUBLIC SAFETY.  
OTHER ARMY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE RESCUE OPERATIONS,  
RUBBLE REMOVAL AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AFFECTED  
ZONES UNDER DIRECT MILITARY CONTROL. AS REQUIRED, THE  
ARMY ALSO FURNISHES ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATING RESIDENTS  
FROM UNSAFE HOUSING AND RELOCATING DISPLACED PERSONNEL.  
THE MILITARY CONTINUES TO BE SUBORDINATE TO THE FEDERAL

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DISTRICT'S DISASTER RELIEF COMMISSION AND SERVES AS ONE OF MANY COORDINATING AGENCIES WHICH MAINTAINS CLOSE COORDINATION WITH REPRATIVES FROM THE FEDERAL DISTRICT.

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3. TO THIS POINT, THE ARMY'S GREATEST DISADVANTAGE HAS BEEN THE LACK OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD HAVE ALLOWED THE ARMY TO PLAY A MORE SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN RESCUE OPERATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE USDAO HAS MAINTAINED CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE DEFENSE SECRETARIAT THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS, THE ARMY, UNLIKE THE NAVY, REMAINS RELUCTANT TO PETITION AID FROM THE U.S. IT HAS RECEIVED ONLY 3400 COTS, 3000 BLANKETS, 120 ROLLS OF HEAVY DUTY PLASTIC AND 8 PORTABLE LIGHT SETS.

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4. IN SPITE OF THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF 3 OF 5 HEAD-QUARTERS BUILDINGS, THE MEXICAN NAVY CONTINUES EFFECTIVE DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS. THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO 3 OF THE 9 AFFECTED ZONES AND HAVE TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISINFECTANT SPRAYING THROUGHOUT THE

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CITY. THE NAVY HAS MOBILIZED MORE THAN 1300 PERSONNEL, MANY OF WHOM ARE BILLETED ON COTS AND SLEEPING BAGS BEHIND ONE OF THEIR REMAINING 2 HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS. LEADERSHIP AND MORALE REMAIN STRONG WITH MANY OF THE FLAG OFFICERS PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY IN RESCUE OPERATIONS. ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM. (DRAFTED:SWAGER) GAVIN

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SUBJECT: SITREP 64: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - PROTEST  
- DEMONSTRATION HELD TODAY.  
-1. AT 11:45 A.M., SEPTEMBER 27, A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION  
OF SOME 1,000 PERSONS PARADED UP REFORMA CARRYING  
NUMEROUS EARTHQUAKE RELATED PROTEST BANNERS. AFTER  
PASSING IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY, THE PROTEST GROUP STOPPED  
ON THE STEPS OF THE MONUMENT OF INDEPENDENCE (I.E. THE  
ANGEL) AND LISTENED TO SPEECHES BY PROTEST LEADERS FOR  
APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES, WHILE PARTIALLY BLOCKING  
TRAFFIC ON REFORMA. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPEECHES,  
THE DEMONSTRATORS CONTINUED THEIR MARCH SLOWLY ON UP  
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REFORMA.  
-2. THE PLACARDS AND BANNERS WERE ALL RELATED TO THE  
EARTHQUAKE. THEY CONTAINED SUCH SLOGANS AS  
"INDEMNIZATION FOR THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS", "WE NEED  
HOUSING", "PAY FOR RECONSTRUCTION, NOT FOR OUR FOREIGN  
DEBT", AND "STOP THE DEMOLITIONS - RESPECT HUMAN LIVES".  
SOME BANNERS AND PLACARDS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST MEXICO  
CITY MAYOR AGUIRRE VELAZQUEZ AND ONE OR TWO AGAINST  
DEFENSE MINISTER AREVALO. THE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION**REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior Reviewer**

WAS PEACEFUL AND DARED TO BE WELL-ORGANIZED, WITH MARCHERS FROM DIFFERENT HEAVILY DAMAGED AREAS OF THE CITY MARCHING BEHIND INITIAL BANNERS IDENTIFYING THEM AS EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS FROM A PARTICULAR DAMAGED COLONIA OR DELEGATION. THE MARCHERS INCLUDED MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN. POLICE WERE IN EVIDENCE ALONG THE PROTEST DEMONSTRATORS LINE OF MARCH AND WERE REROUTING TRAFFIC AROUND THE MARCHERS. (DRAFTED:JGWYNN) GAVIN

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP: SITREP NO. 19  
SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 1800 EDT SEPTEMBER 26, 1985

1. RESCUE OPERATIONS CONTINUE MORE THAN A WEEK AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE. ON SEPTEMBER 25 MORE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE WERE PULLED ALIVE FROM THE RUBBLE, INCLUDING NEWBORN INFANTS. THERE WERE NEWS REPORTS THAT AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL INFANT WAS RESCUED FROM THE JUAREZ HOSPITAL RUINS TODAY.

2. US CITIZEN DEATHS REMAIN AT 5. A NUMBER OF US CITIZEN MISSING PERSON CASES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE EMBASSY, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON.

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3. AS OF THIS WRITING MEXICAN FINANCE MINISTER JESUS SILVA HERZOG WAS MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY WHITEHEAD. SILVA HERZOG IS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS MEXICO'S ECONOMY IN THE WAKE OF THE EARTHQUAKE, AND MEXICO'S SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCING NEEDS. HE IS TO MEET WITH TREASURY SECRETARY BAKER, FEDERAL RESERVE

CHAIRMAN VOLCKER, IMF DIRECTOR DA LAROSIERE AND POSSIBLY OTHERS.

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4. THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO RECORDED NINE AFTERSHOCKS FROM NOON, SEPTEMBER 24 TO NOON, SEPTEMBER 25. THE GREATEST MAGNITUDE WAS 5.5 ON THE RICSCALE. THESE AFTERSHOCKS CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

5. MEXICAN MEDIA REPORTS THE EARTHQUAKE'S TOLL STANDS AT 3,286 DEAD AND 6,700 INJURED, OF WHICH 684 REMAIN HOSPITALIZED. 1,132 BUILDINGS WERE REPORTEDLY AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE, OF WHICH 417 WERE DESTROYED OR WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED. THESE FIGURES SHOULD BE TAKEN AS ESTIMATES.

6. SITREP NO. 17 REPORTED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION THAT A GROUP OF UP TO 25 SURVIVORS HAD BEEN LOCATED IN THE JUAREZ HOSPITAL RUINS, AND THAT A VENEZUELAN RESCUE TEAM AT THE SAME SITE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN A COLLAPSED TUNNEL. THE JUAREZ SURVIVOR FIGURE NOW APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HIGH, THOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED THE CORRECT FIGURE. THE US EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE RUMORED TUNNEL COLLAPSE WAS UNFOUNDED. IT HAS NO INFORMATION THAT THE VENEZUELAN RESCUE TEAM IS IN ANY SORT OF DIFFICULTY. SHULTZ

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP: SITREP NO. 20  
SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 0500 EDT SEPTEMBER 27, 1985

(C) US EMBASSY MEXICO, REPORTING ON THE COMMUNICATIONS SITUATION IN MEXICO, NOTED THAT TELMEX LOST EIGHT SWITCHING MACHINES DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND IS IN DIFFICULT SHAPE. HOWEVER, IN A BRIEFING FOR AMBASSADOR GAVIN AND EMBASSY OFFICERS, AT&T REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT TELMEX MAY RESTORE THREE HUNDRED DEDICATED LINES TO THE UNITED STATES AND THREE HUNDRED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD ON SEPTEMBER 27, COMPARED TO A PRE-EARTHQUAKE NUMBER OF ONE THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED, RESPECTIVELY. AT&T IS ASSISTING TELMEX TO BRING THE SIX HUNDRED LINES BACK INTO SERVICE BY HELPING TO RESTORE EQUIPMENT, TO REFIGURE THE NETWORK, AND POSSIBLY TO REROUTE TRUNK LINES THROUGH THE UNITED STATES.

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(U) SITUATION IS GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE IN THE EASTERN/SOUTHEASTERN AREAS OF MEXICO CITY REGARDING WATER SUPPLY, DISINFECTION AND TIMELY EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION. UNLESS THE EFFICIENCY IS GREATLY IMPROVED FROM WHAT WAS

OBSERVED BY THE COMBINED US/MEXICAN FIELD INVESTIGATION TEAM, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE SIMPLY GOING TO BE WITHOUT WATER SERVICE.  
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SUBJECT: ARA NEWS ITEMS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1985

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF T.V. NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 26, 1985.

THERE WERE NO ARA TOPICS DISCUSSED.

2. PRESS SUMMARY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1985

NEW YORK TIMES --

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MEXICO: JOSEPH B. TREASTER, P. 8 FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/25: ("MENTAL DISTRESS STALKS MEXICANS; TRAUMATIZED BY 2 QUAKES AND FEELING GUILT, SURVIVORS SHOW ANXIETY AND FEAR").

JOHN NOBLE WILFORD, SAME PAGE: ("THOSE RESCUED BABIES: WHY THEY SURVIVED").

WASHINGTON POST --

DEBT: LEAD EDIT, P. 24 ("THE LATIN DEBTS") FINDS A RISING SENSE OF POLITICAL STRAIN AMONG DEBTORS. PROGRESS

IN DEALING WITH THE DEBT HAS BEEN COSTLY, WITH INCOMES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH DOWN. "A FUTURE IN WHICH INCOMES REMAIN MORE OR LESS FLAT INDEFINITELY, AT A LEVEL WELL BELOW THAT OF THE RECENT, IS NOT A PROMISING SETTING FOR STABLE DEMOCRATIC POLITICS." THE US SHOULD PROVIDE MORE CAPITAL FOR THE WORLD BANK.

"THERE'S ANOTHER AND MORE IMPORTANT THING THAT THE US NEEDS TO UNDERTAKE. AS LONG AS THE US IS SUCKING UP \$120 UNCLASSIFIED

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BILLION A YEAR OF OTHER COUNTRIES' INVESTMENT CAPITAL TO FINANCE ITS TRADE DEFICIT, AND PULLING CAPITAL OUT OF LATIN AMERICA INSTEAD OF POURING IT IN, THE LATINS ARE GOING TO HAVE GREAT TROUBLE CARRYING THEIR DEBTS.

"THE LATINS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL. THEY CANNOT EXPECT TO GET HEALTHY GROWTH GOING AMIDST ROARING INFLATION... AND TRADE PROTECTIONISM, A KIND OF POLITICAL PATRONAGE FOR FACTORY OWNERS, IS AS HARMFUL TO LATIN ECONOMIES AS TO ANY OTHER ECONOMIES.

"THERE ARE USEFUL BARGAINS TO BE STRUCK BETWEEN THE LENDERS AND THE BORROWERS," EDIT CONCLUDES. "THE WORLD BANK IS A VALUABLE AND HIGHLY COMPETENT ARBITER. SEOUL IS THE PLACE TO MOVE THAT BARGAINING FORWARD."

MEXICO: WILLIAM A. ORME, P. 27 FROM MEXICO CITY: ("HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT FINDS MEXICAN SURVIVORS").

WALL STREET JOURNAL --

MEXICO: FRONT-PAGE BRIEF NOTES TRIP OF FINANCE MINISTER SILVA HERZOG TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH THE IMF, THE WORLD BANK AND THE IADB.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

MEXICO: DENNIS VOLMAN, P. 9 ("MEXICANS HOPE FOR BETTER URBAN PLANNING; BUT DECENTRALIZATION OF CAPITAL CAN'T OCCUR WITHOUT DEBT RESTRUCTURING"). NEEDED REFORMS SUCH AS DECENTRALIZATION "CAN TAKE PLACE ONLY IF MEXICO'S DEBT REPAYMENT TERMS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED IN MEXICO'S FAVOR," ANALYSTS SAY.

EL SALVADOR: CHRIS NORTON, P. 13 FROM SAN SALVADOR ("MAYORS' KIDNAPPING REPRESENTS EXPANSION OF WAR INTO NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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PART OF EL SALVADOR"): "LEFT-WING GUERRILLAS HAVE INTENSIFIED THEIR TACTICS IN THEIR EFFORT TO OVERTHROW THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT.

"THE RECENT KIDNAPPING OF EIGHT MAYORS OVER A TWO-DAY PERIOD IN THE NORTHERN CHALATENANGO PROVINCE REPRESENTS AN EXPANSION OF THE GUERRILLAS' WAR EFFORT INTO A NEW PART OF EL SALVADOR.

"LAST WEEK'S KIDNAPPINGS SHOW THAT THE US-BACKED GOVERNMENT DOESN'T HAVE MILITARY OR POLITICAL CONTROL OVER MUCH OF THE EASTERN AND NORTHERN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, POLITICAL OBSERVERS SAY...

"THE ABDUCTIONS ALSO HURT THE GOVERNMENT'S COUNTERINSURGENCY STRATEGY, WHICH IS TO WIN OVER SUPPORT OF CIVILIANS NEAR GUERRILLA-HELD AREAS BY SENDING THEM HUMANITARIAN AID. SUCH AID HAS BEEN CHanneled THROUGH MAYORS."

WASHINGTON TIMES --

NICARAGUA: STEPHEN GOLDSTEIN, P. 10B: ("LONG TREK ENDS TODAY AT OAS FOR NICARAGUAN INDIAN").

MEXICO: REUTERS/P. 10C: ("MEXICAN QUAKE EXACERBATES LATIN AMERICAN DEBT"): "MEXICO'S EARTHQUAKE AND ITS FAST DETERIORATING ECONOMY HAVE HELPED ACCELERATE THINKING ON NEW WAYS TO SOLVE LATIN AMERICA'S \$360 BILLION DEBT CRISIS, BUT A FRESH STRATEGY WILL TAKE TIME TO EVOLVE, MONETARY AND US ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAY."

MEXICO: STEPHEN GREEN OP-ED, P. 2D ("MEXICO'S OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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DIFFICULTIES"): "THE INTENSIFIED FINANCIAL CRUNCH IS SERIOUS ENOUGH. BUT ACCOMPANYING IT IS WHAT APPEARS TO

BE INCREASING SKEPTICISM THAT THE RULING (PRI) CAN IMPOSE  
MUCH-NEEDED REFORMS."  
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THIS CABLE IS TO CLARIFY CABLES DEALING WITH WATER  
SHORTAGES. CABLES REQUESTING SUPPLIES PRECEDED THE CABLE  
DETAILING THE FIRST NEEDS. NOW THAT A SURVEY HAS BEEN  
COMPLETED NEW REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING IDENTIFIED. AID IS  
WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE GOM OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
CITY WATER SYSTEM. ANY REQUEST MADE BY AID IS COORDINATED  
WITH GOM EFFORTS. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF BODIES, MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE

TO MINIMIZE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS, LOCAL NATIONAL WORKERS  
INDICATE THAT BODIES ARE BEING INCINERATED WITHIN FOUR  
HOURS OF RETRIEVAL FROM EARTHQUAKE SITES. ATTEMPTS TO  
INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRM THIS PRACTICE ARE UNDERWAY BY  
NALEPA AND HERNANDEZ. WILL FOLLOW WITH MORE INFO AS  
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- TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO MEXICO  
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2. AT&T REP CALLED EMBASSY AND INFORMED US THAT  
TELMEX HAS INFORMALLY TOLD THEM A REQUEST WILL  
BE FORTHCOMING FOR 11 TO 14 RELAY RACKS (MEASURING  
THREE FEET BY ELEVEN FEET EACH) FROM AT&T IN THE U.S.  
AT&T WILL NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITIOUSLY  
OBTAINING AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR THIS EQUIPMENT.  
IN ADDITION, THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OF ANY AIR  
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AND ITS COST  
FOR SHIPPING EQUIPMENT FROM HOUSTON TO MEXICO  
CITY. OFDA TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED ONCE  
REQUEST IS FORMALLY MADE BY GOM.

3. WE WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS TELMEX REQUEST IS  
FORMALLY PROFFERED. (DRAFTED: COML: M. SHIELDS)  
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- REESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
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1. SUMMARY: JOINT TELMEX/SECRETARIAT OF  
COMMUNICATIONS (SCT) COMMITTEE TO REESTABLISH THE  
MEXICAN COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IS WORKING THROUGH THE  
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WEEKEND TO DETERMINE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE NEEDS. IT  
MADE AN INVENTORY OF LOCALLY AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT  
AND HAS REQUESTED QUOTES AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES  
FROM U.S. AND OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR  
EQUIPMENT FOR IMPORTATION. THE COMMITTEE, LIKE  
SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARIAT AND TELMEX PERSONNEL,  
IS FULLY AWARE OF U.S. OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE AND IS,  
IN FACT, DEALING WITH SEVERAL U.S. COMPANIES (SUCH  
AS AT&T, GT&E, AND STAR TECHNOLOGY) WHO HAVE EXTENDED  
SUCH OFFERS. END SUMMARY

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2. FCO SPOKE TO ANGELO SANTINI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GT&E DE MEXICO, WHO SAID GT&E MADE OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, THE TELMEXCOMMITTEE CALLED HIM AND REQUESTED 1,200 EM SIGNALLING UNITS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT (VALUE ABOUT 500,000 DOLLARS) AND SOME UNSPECIFIED TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT. GT&E IN THE STATES IS NOW WORKING ON THIS REQUEST. GT&E AND THE COMMITTEE ARE STILL WORKING OUT THE DETAILS OF WHAT TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED. EMBASSY OFFERED GT&E ANY COMMUNICATIONS OR OTHER ASSISTANCE NECESSARY IN CONTACTING HEAD OFFICES AND IN OBTAINING EQUIPMENT.

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3. FCO ALSO SPOKE TO JOHN LLEWELLYN OF STAR TECHNOLOGY, A COMPANY WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING WITH SCT ON THE MORELOS SATELLITE PROJECT, WHO SAID HE HAS BEEN WORKING AS A CONSULTANT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING MEXICO'S INTERIM TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEEDS. LLEWELLYN IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH GOVERNOR WHITE OF TEXAS' OFFICE. EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS FOR LLEWELLYN TO CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS HOUSTON OFFICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF A FULLY TRANSPORTABLE SYSTEM WITH UP TO 600 VOICE CIRCUITS.

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4. AT&T OFFER CONTAINED IN REFTEL D. FURTHER TO THIS, ECON OFFICER SPOKE WITH TELMEX SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL PONCE WHO CONFIRMED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CARRILLO BUT COULD NOT PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS. LOCAL AT&T REP IS OUT OF TOWN. DEPARTMENT SHOULD ATTEMPT TO CONTACT AT&T IN NEW JERSEY FOR DETAILS.

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5. GT&E WAS CONTACTED BY PEMEX FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESTORING ITS PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK WHICH IS OUT OF SERVICE DUE TO EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE. A MEETING BETWEEN PEMEX AND GT&E WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY MORNING. WE WILL PROVIDE DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE.

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6. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEXICO'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS IS AWKWARDLY SPLIT BETWEEN SCT AND TELMEX. TELMEX IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TELEPHONES FOR TOWNS OF GREATER THAN 5,000 INHABITANTS, FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LONG DISTANCE. SCT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE TO TOWNS OF LESS THAN 5,000 POPULATION, FOR DATASMISSION NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND FOR ALL SIGNALS TRANSMITTED VIA SATELLITE, INCLUDING TELEPHONE. THIS SPLIT HAS IN RECENT MONTHS LED TO CONFUSION AND JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES NOT

ONLY BETWEEN SCT AND TELEMEX BUT ALSO BETWEEN SCT  
AND PEMEX AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS  
WITH PRIVATE NETWORKS. THE JOINT COMMITTEE,  
ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH THE EARTHQUAKE'S DAMAGE IS  
COMPRISED OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL REPRESENTING

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SUBJECT: U.S OFFERS OF COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE/

SCT, TELMEX, AND THE DISTRITO FEDERAL. THERE HAS  
BEEN NO HINT OF BUREAUCRATIC IN-FIGHTING OR JURIS-

DICTIONAL DISPUTE. WE WILL MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS  
WITHIN THIS COMMITTEE CLOSELY. FCO HAS BEEN IN  
CONTACT WITH THIS COMMITTEE AND HAS FORWARDED THEM  
A LIST OF U.S. COMPANY OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE AND  
OFFERED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING THEM.  
THEY ALSO HAVE A COPY OF AMBASSADOR GAVIN'S LETTER  
TO SECRETARY BARTLETT DETAILING OFFERS.  
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7. THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET IN MEXICO IS  
HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT  
U.S. AND OTHER FIRMS ARE USING THE EARTHQUAKE AS AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO MARKET THEIR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES  
OR TO POSTURE THEMSELVES FOR LATER SALES. IT IS  
ESTIMATED THAT TWO MAJOR MARKETS HAVE EMERGED IN  
MEXICO AS A RESULT OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE: THE  
CONSTRUCTION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKETS.  
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E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX  
SUBJ: MEXICO CITY EARTHQUAKE SITUATION - SITREP 66

1. MEXICO FINANCIAL FUND: PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID  
COMMENTED YESTERDAY ON THE GOM FINANCIAL FUND  
THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT NAFINSA TO RECEIVE  
FINANCIAL DONATIONS. HE NOTED IT WILL BE MANAGED BY  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOM, LABOR, AND THE BUSINESS  
SECTOR. ITS RESOURCES WILL BE USED TO REBUILD  
HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. THE PRESIDENT PROMISED IT  
WOULD BE FULLY TRANSPARENT WITH ALL NECESSARY  
GUARANTEES TO ENSURE SCRUPULOUS MANAGEMENT.

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2. U.S. CITIZEN CASUALTY ESTIMATES AS OF  
11:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 28 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- CONFIRMED DEAD - 9  
- MISSING - 25

3. PLEASE NOTE THAT VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PARA 3  
SITREP 65 DO NOT REPRESENT THOSE OF AID/OFDA NOR  
OF MOST MEXICAN AUTHORITIES. ADDITIONAL HEAVY  
MACHINERY WILL BE NEEDED DURING UP-COMING

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CLEAN-UP PHASE BUT MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THERE WAS ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT FOR THE MORE DELIC SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

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4. MOVEMENT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES: TWO MILITARY FLIGHTS ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 27 FROM THE US: A C-130 CARRYING 12 FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE PERSONNEL WITH ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT; AND A C-141 WITH 10,000 SURGICAL MASKS AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLIES. LATER TODAY ON SEPTEMBER 28 A C-141 IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BRINGING COLLAPSIBLE 3000-GALLON WATER TANKS. A SPECIALLY-CHARTERED FLIGHT ALSO EXPECTED TO ARRIVE CARRYING 20,000 2 AND ONE-HALF GALLON WATER JUGS.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SEVERAL OTHER PRIVATE U.S. PLANES ALSO ARRIVED BRINGING MEDICAL SUPPLIES, CLOTHING, WATER PURIFICATION EQUIPMENT AND STRETCHERS.

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5. THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DOG SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS LEFT ON SEPTEMBER 27 FOR SAN ANTONIO.  
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E. O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: CASC

SUBJECT: W/W:

REF: BUENOS AIRES 07795

1. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND ARE ALIVE  
AND WELL IN MEXICO CITY:

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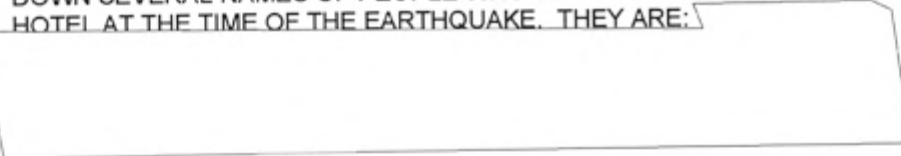
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E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: CASC  
SUBJECT: DEATH: POSSIBLE DEATHS IN REGIS HOTEL

REF: SMITH/SIEKERT TELCOM 9/24/85

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT ANYONE FROM THE LIST OF POSSIBLE AMCITS LISTED ON THE REGISTER OF THE REGIS HOTEL. HOWEVER, TASK FORCE AND EMR HAVE NARROWED DOWN SEVERAL NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO WERE PROBABLY IN THE HOTEL AT THE TIME OF THE EARTHQUAKE. THEY ARE:



2. PLEASE CHECK THE HOTEL REGISTER FOR THESE NAMES OR VARIATIONS THEREOF. WHITEHEAD

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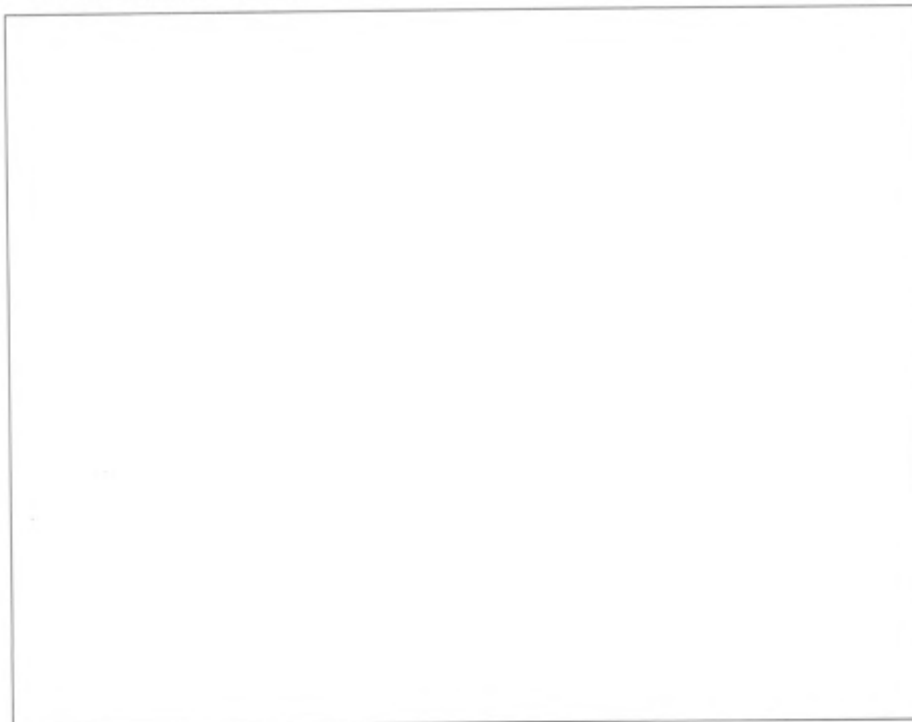
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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE -  
- WELFARE OF RELATIVES LIVING IN MEXICO

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED,AND THEY AND  
THEIR FAMILIES ARE OK. PLEASE FORWARD THESE NAMES TO THE  
OFFICES OF SENATOR DENNIS DE CONCINI IN PHOENIX AND  
TUCSON AS INDICATED. CORRESPONDING LISTS ARE IN THOSE  
OFFICES WITH MORE LISTS TO FOLLOW.

TO PHOENIX OFFICE:



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TAGS: CASC  
SUBJECT: IN LAWS OF CONGEN BUDEIT

EMBASSY RECEIVED CABLE FROM AMCONGEN BRIDGETOWN SEPTEMBER  
23 REQUESTING REPORT ON [REDACTED]  
ON SEPTEMBER 24. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CAME TO EMBASSY TO REPORT  
THAT ALL THE FAMILY IS FINE, EXCEPT FOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO DIED IN  
THE EARTHQUAKE OF SEPTEMBER 19. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ARE FINE.

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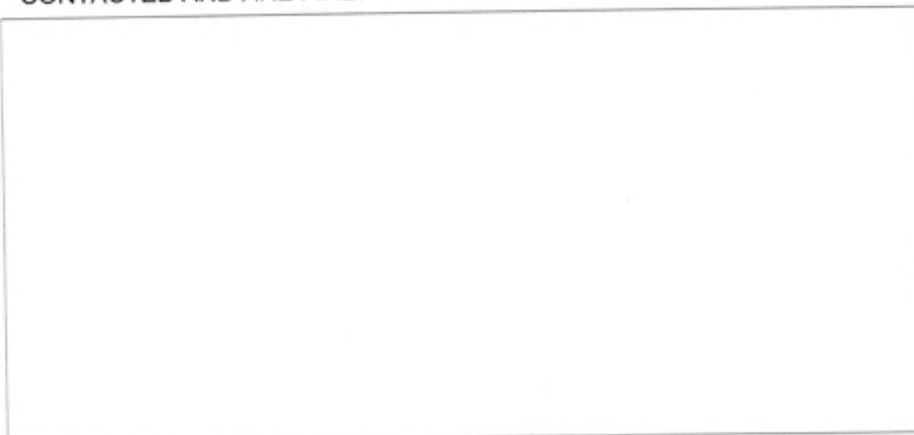
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SUBJ: REPORT ON W/W OF AMCITS

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IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN  
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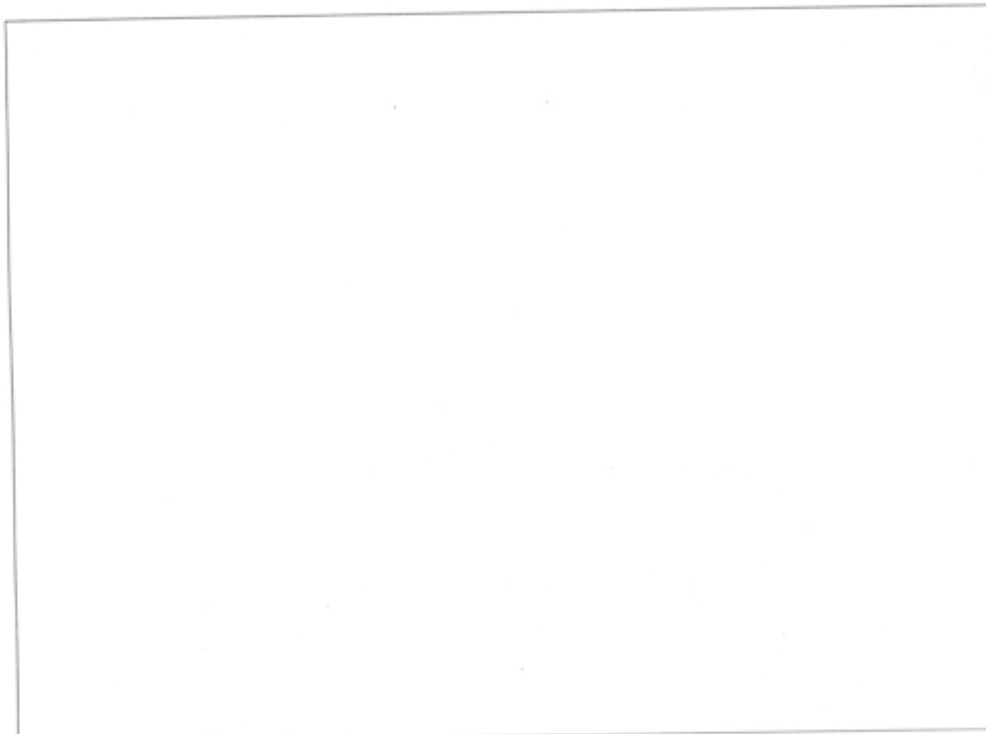
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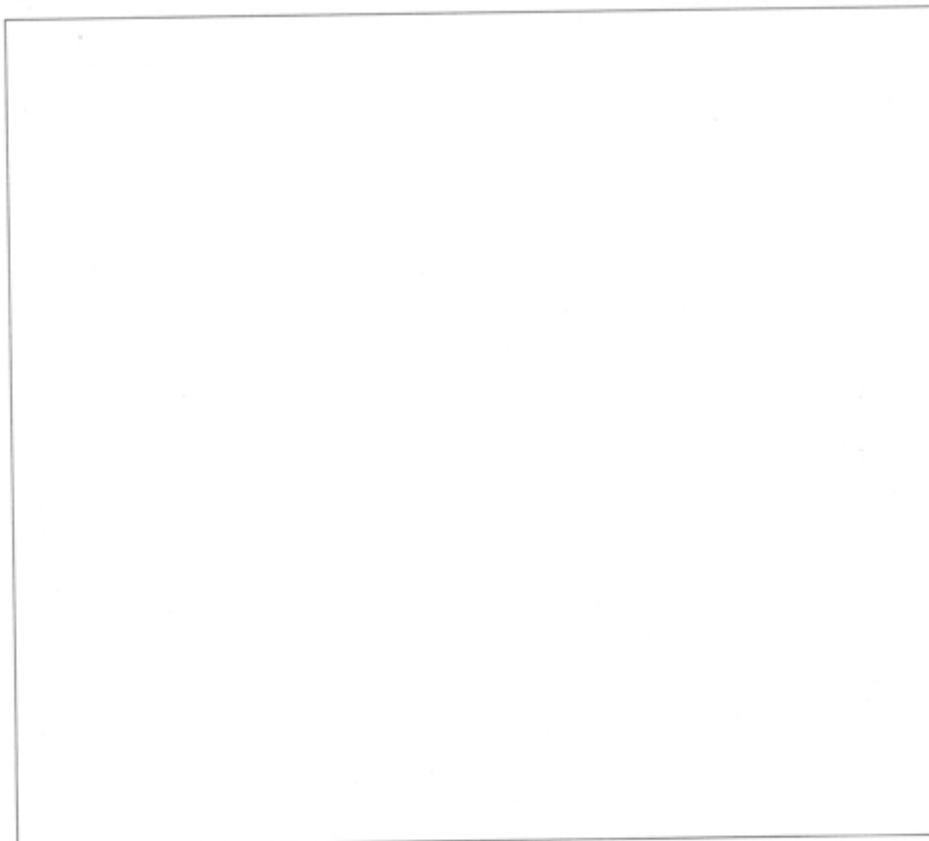
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PLEASE ASK PHOENIX AND TUCSON OFFICES TO SEND UPDATED  
LISTS OF PERSONS TO BE CONTACTED IN MEXICO. SEND LISTS  
VIA THIS METHOD, IT IS THE ONLY DEPENDABLE METHOD AT  
THIS TIME. SEND TO  
FRED SHUMATE, FROM SEN. DE CONCINI OFFICE PHX.,AZ.  
C/O JOSEFINA CABALLERO  
COMMUNICATIONS ROOM 376  
U.S. EMBASSY MEXICO CITY, MEXICO D.F.

P.S. PLEASE LET THE SENATOR KNOW OF THE TREMENDOUS  
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY POLITICAL AFFAIRS OFFICER R.  
PASTORINO AND THE ENTIRE EMBASSY STAFF.  
SINCERLY, FRED SHUMATE

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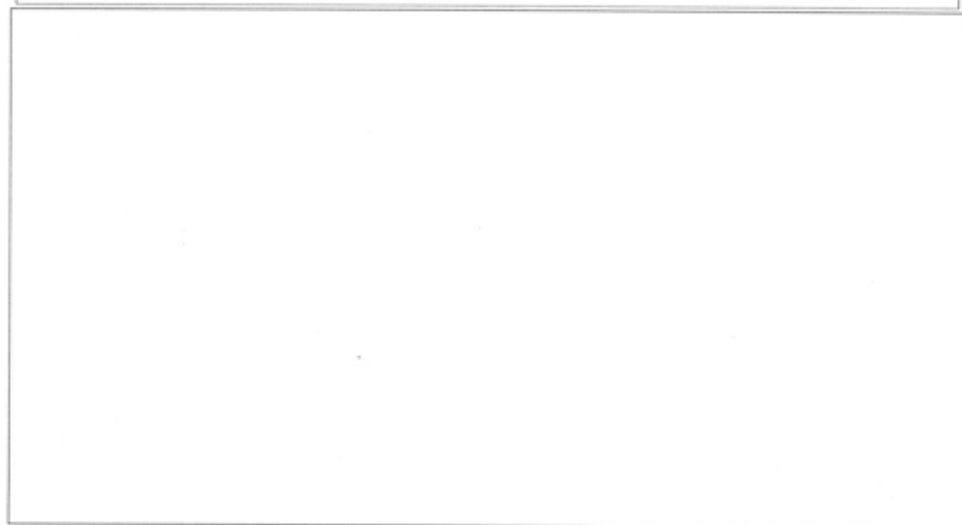
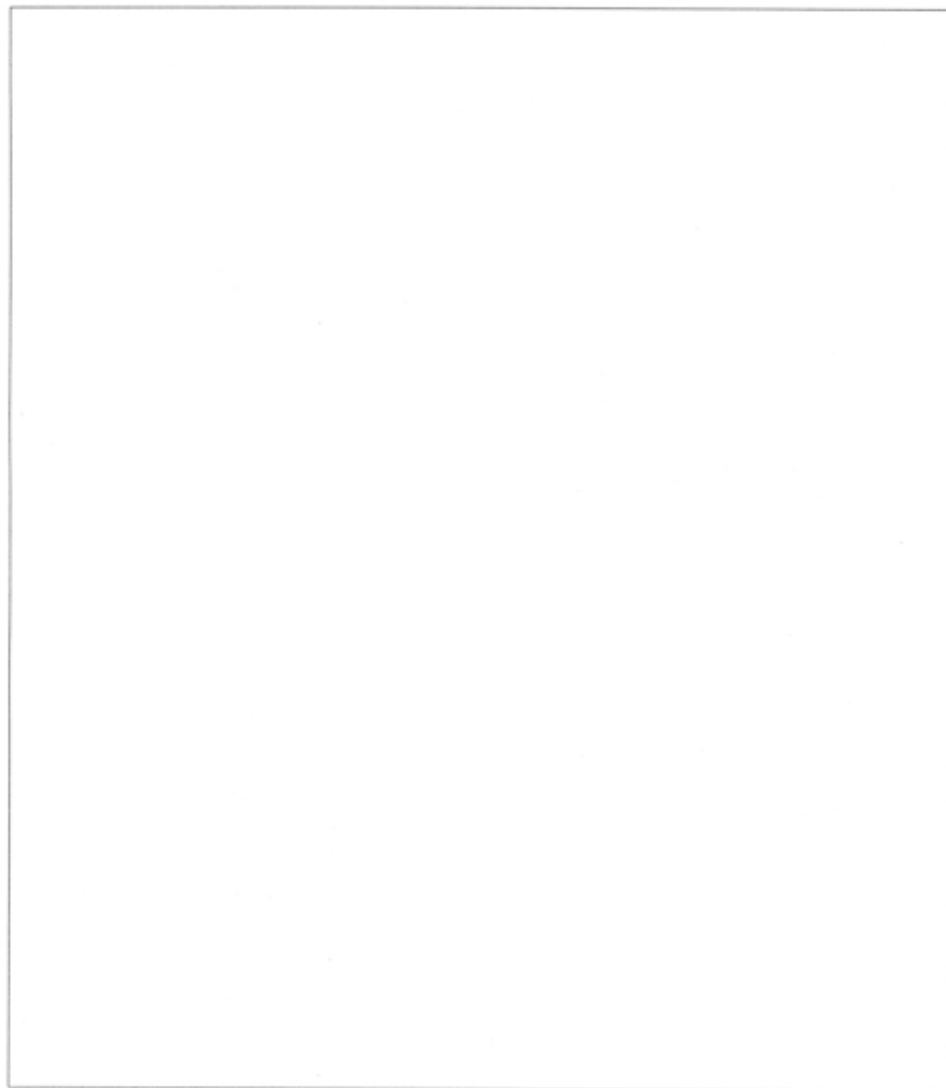
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FOLLOWING AMCITS HAVE INFORMED POST THAT THEY ARE O.K.  
PLEASE INFORM INDICATED PERSONS THAT AMCITS ARE FINE.

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FOLLOWING PRAGUE 4877 DTG SEP 24, SENT ACTION  
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QUOTE UNCLAS PRAGUE 04877

E.O. 12356: N/A

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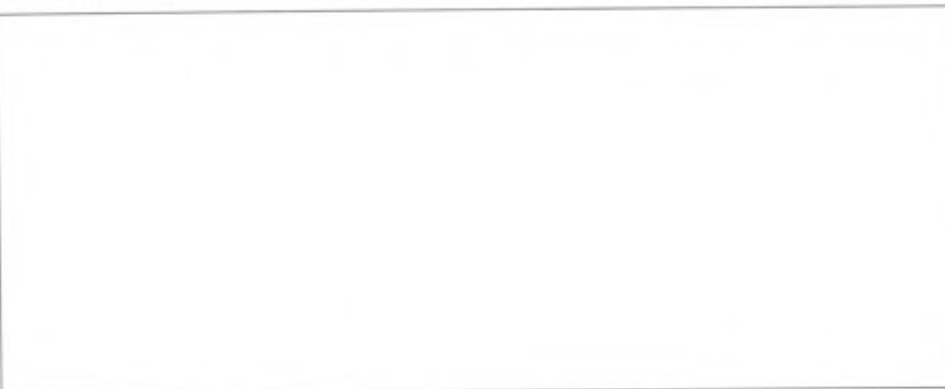
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UNCLAS TEGUCIGALPA 13177

E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, SOCI, EAID, AMGT, MX  
SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

FOR WORKING GROUP

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CALLS FROM BRITISH EMBASSY AND  
SWISS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN TEGUCIGALPA ASKING FOR  
HELP IN DETERMINING WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF  
EMPLOYEES AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WERE VISITING IN  
MEXICO CITY AS TOURISTS AT THE TIME OF THE EARTHQUAKE.



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3. SWISS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORTS THAT  
FOLLOWING FOUR TEGUCIGALPA-BASED EMPLOYEES WERE  
VISITING MEXICO CITY AS TOURISTS, LODGINGS UNKNOWN:

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4. BRITISH AND SWISS EMBASSIES, RESPECTIVELY, IN MEXICO CITY MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFO. WE AND OUR FRIENDS AT BRITISH EMBASSY AND SDC UNDERSTAND TREMENDOUS DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED IN OBTAINING REPORTS ON INDIVIDUALS. ANY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE ARE PREPARED TO RELAY ANY MESSAGES. (DRAFTED: JAO:W FERCH UNQUOTE WHITEHEAD

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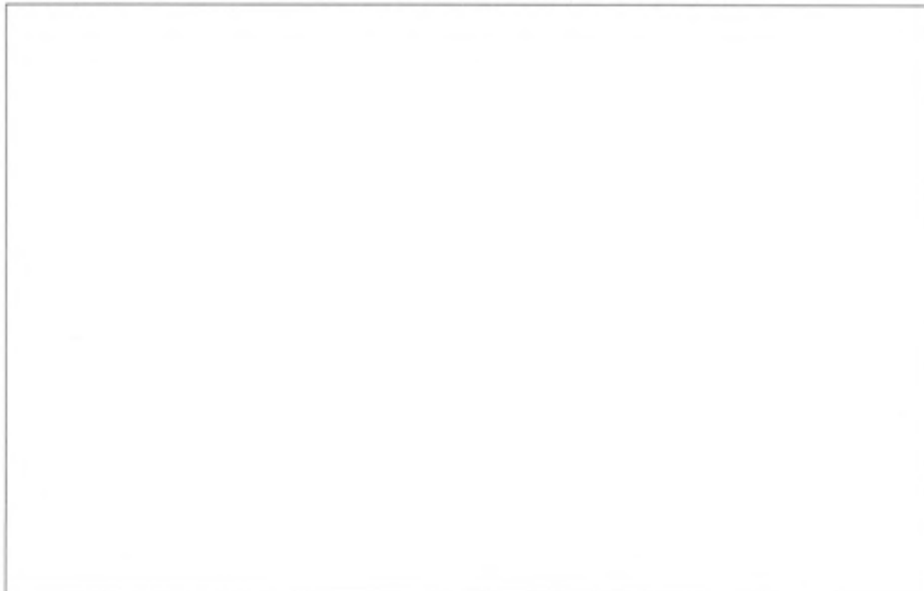
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UNCLAS PARIS 38255

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AGAINST KNOWN AMCIT SURVIVORS

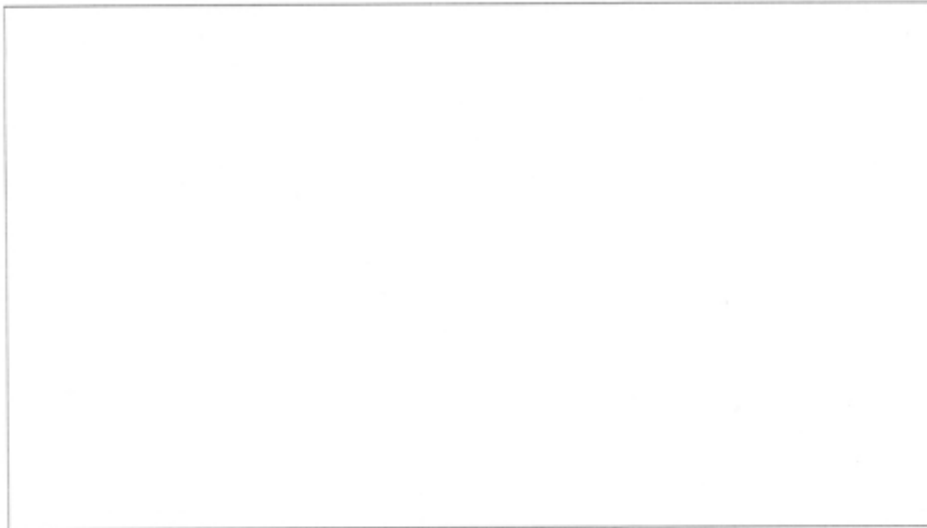
1. OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, EMB PARIS COMPILED LIST OF  
AMCIT NAMES RECEIVED FROM RELATIVES AND FRIENDS HERE WHO  
ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR W/W. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY  
OF THE FOLLOWING ARE KNOWN TO BE ALIVE AND WELL.



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2. REGRET LOCATION INFO IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR SOME OF  
ABOVE. RODGERS UNQUOTE WHITEHEAD

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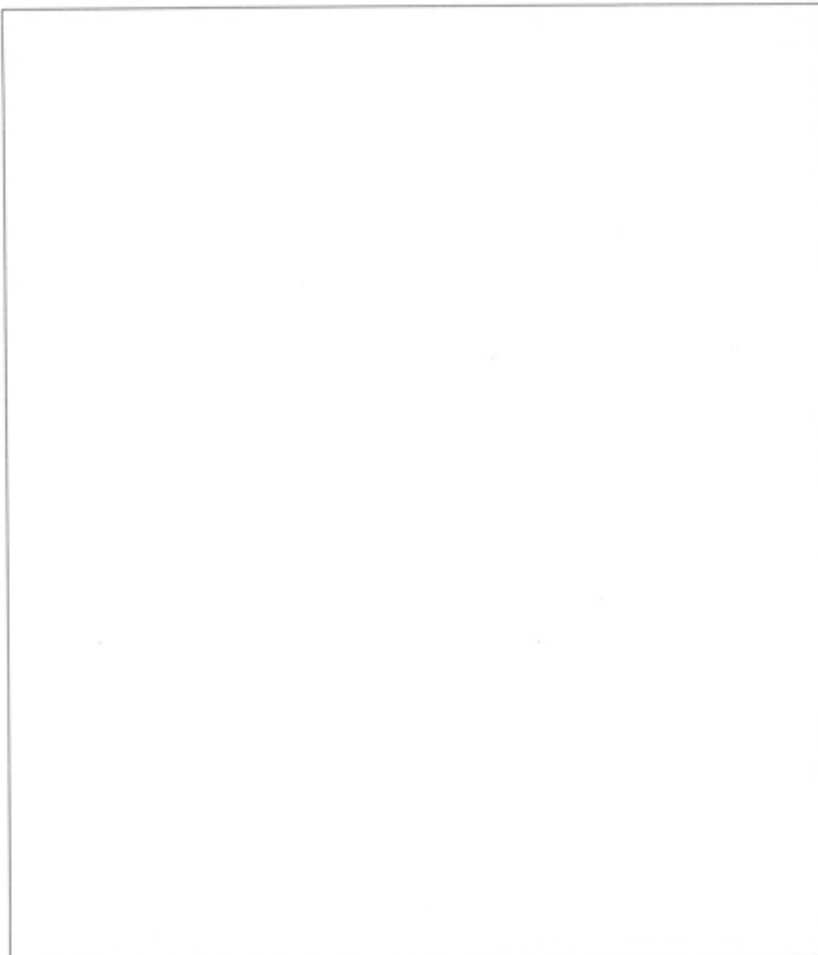
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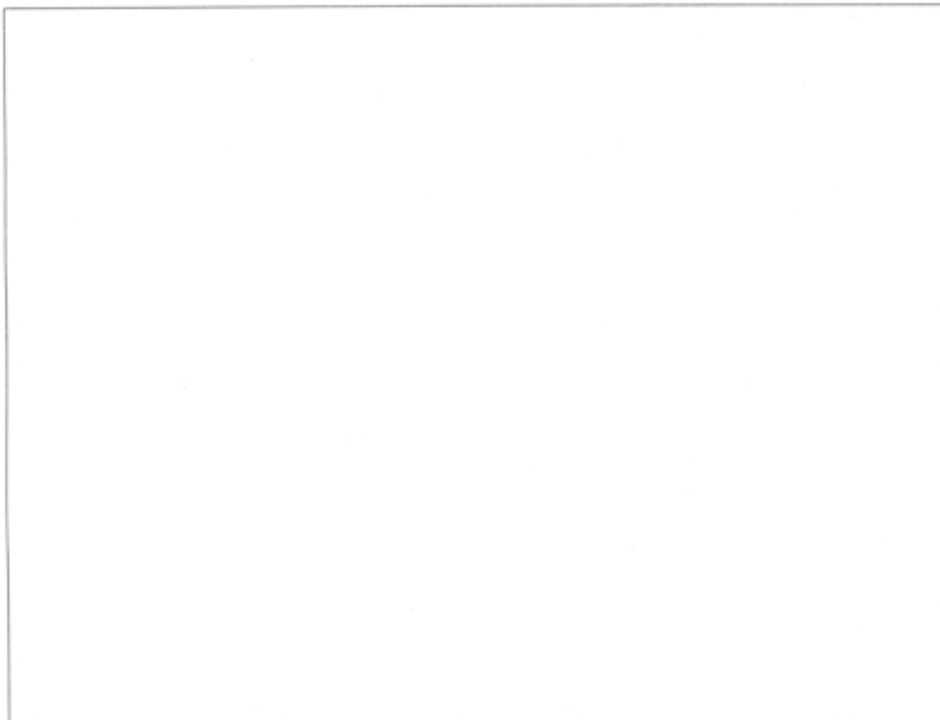
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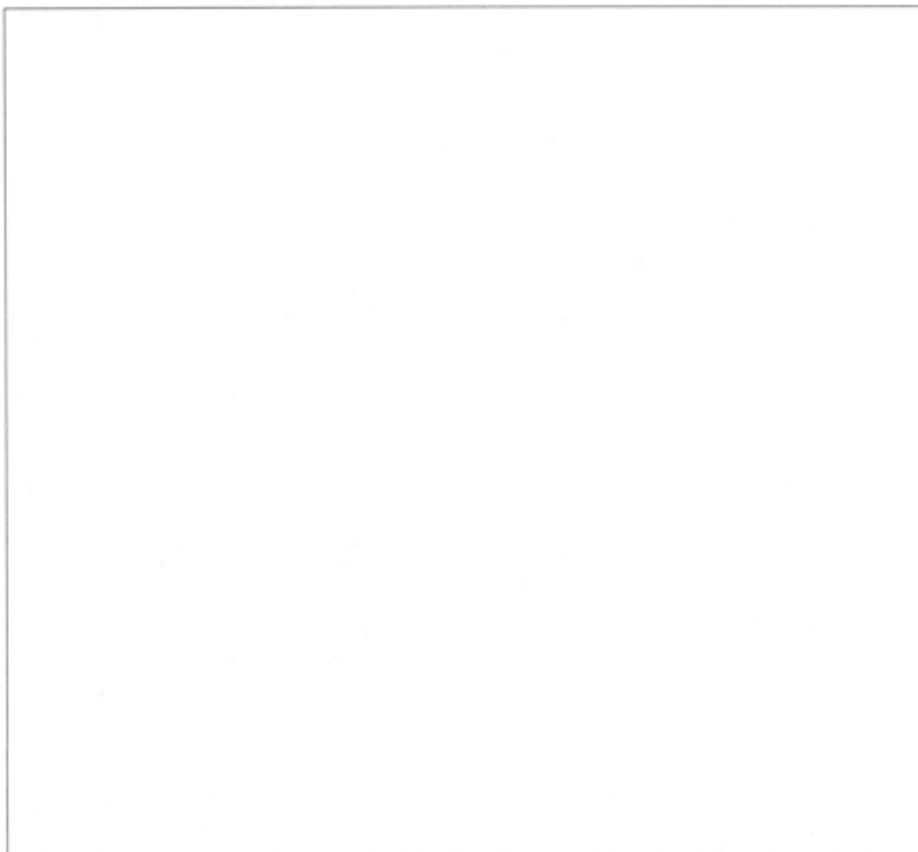
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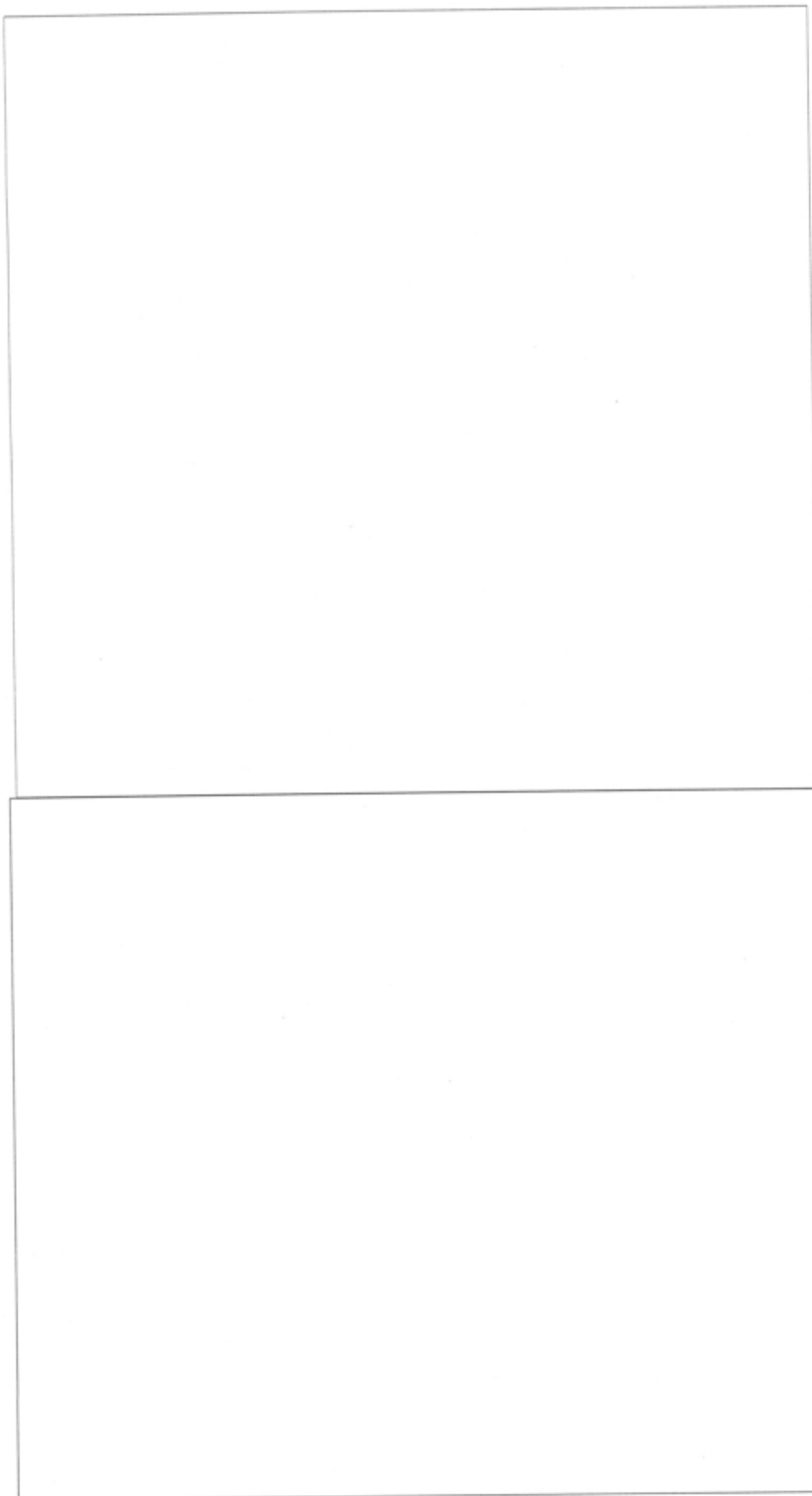
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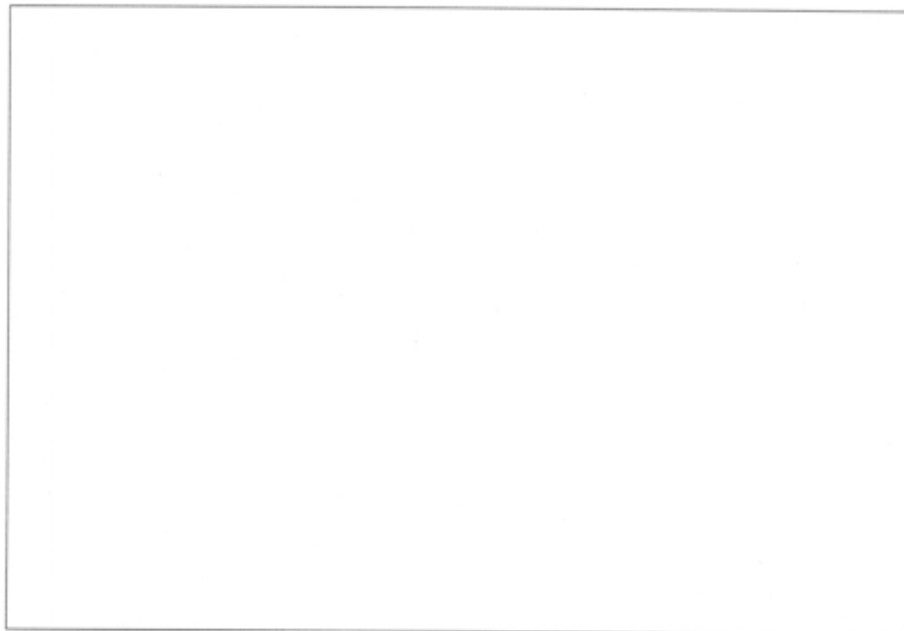


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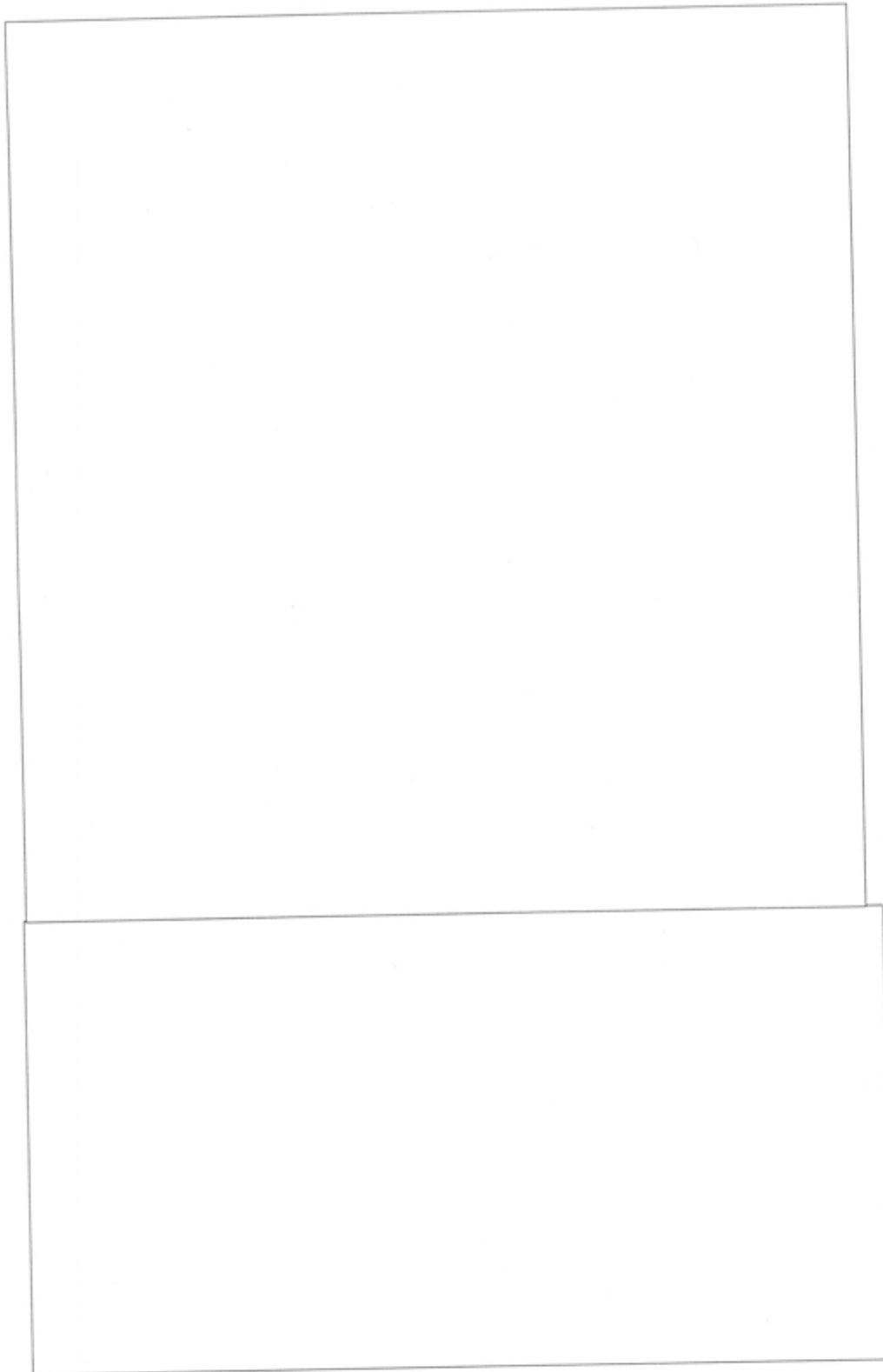
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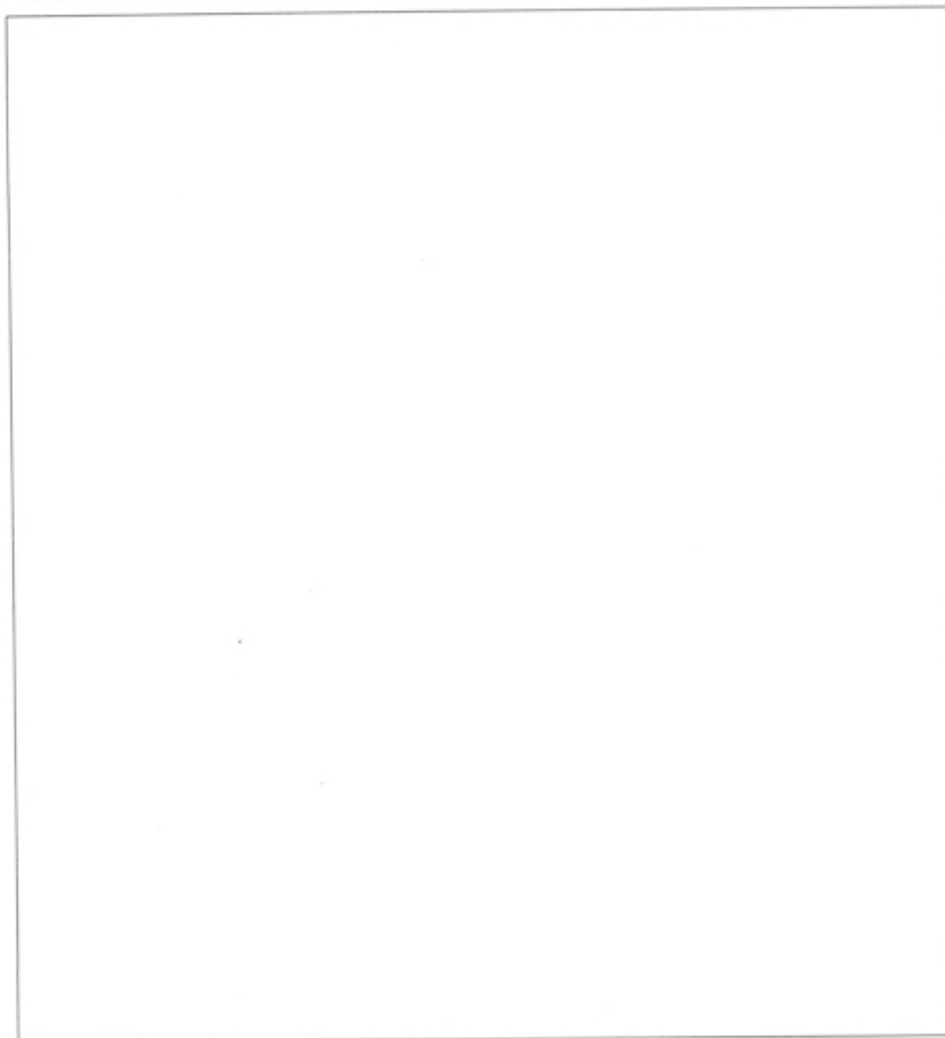
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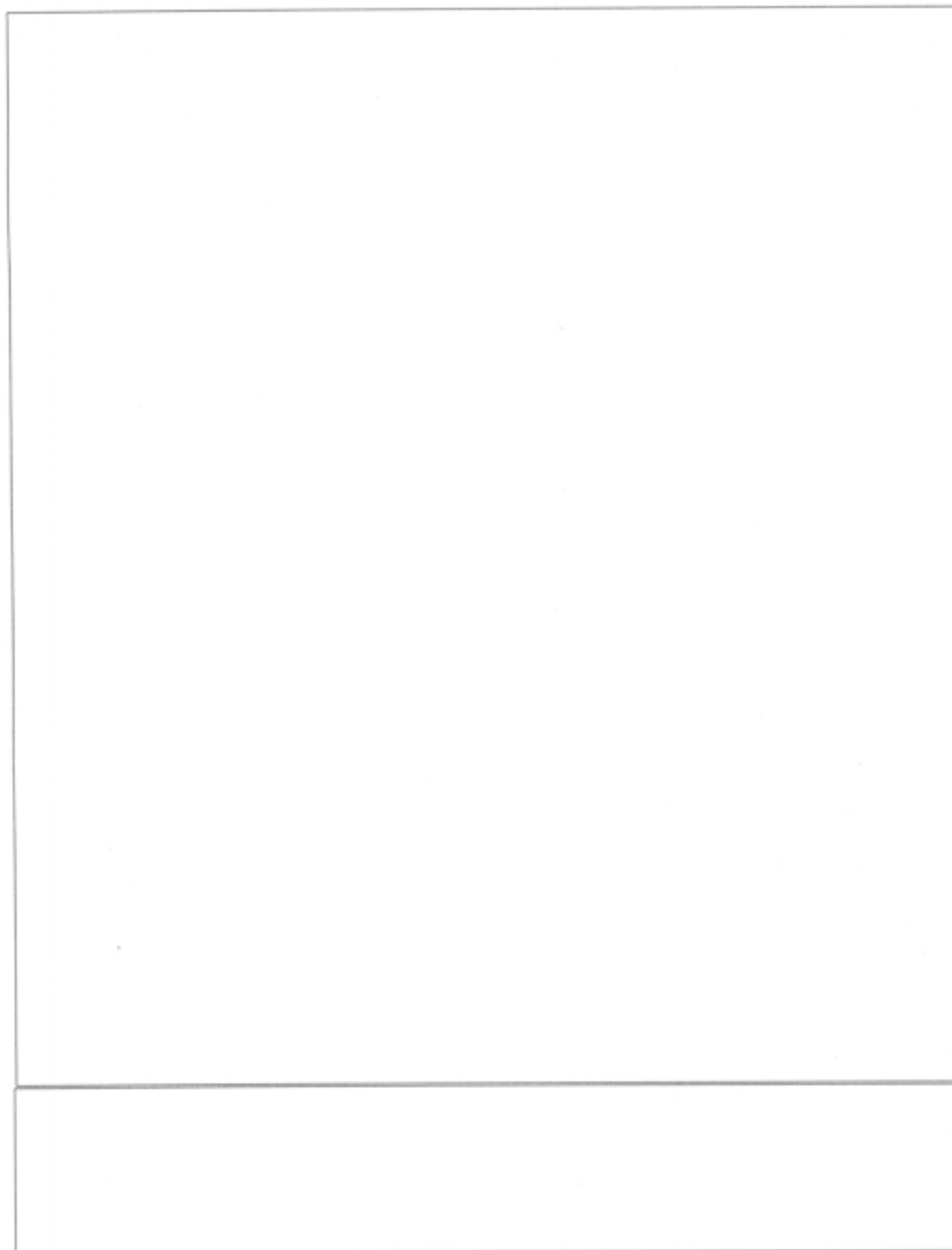
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REF: (A) STATE 295479; (B) TEGUCIGALPA 13177

1. PER REFTELS, EMBOFF CONTACTED SWISS EMBASSY ON BEHALF  
OF TEGUCIGALPA-BASED SWISS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,  
REGARDING EMPLOYEES

[REDACTED] SWISS EMBASSY OFFICER [REDACTED] INFORMED  
EMBOFF THAT SWISS TEAM HAS NOT CONTACTED THEIR EMBASSY,  
BUT THAT EMBASSY PRESUMES THEY ARE DOING OK.

2. SWISS EMBASSY WILL KEEP TRYING TO LOCATE TEAM AND  
KEEP US INFORMED. (DRAFTED:MLKRUGER) GAVIN

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PER REFTELS, EMBOFF CONTACTED BRITISH CITIZENS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BOTH ARE DOING FINE. (DRAFTED:MLKRUGER)  
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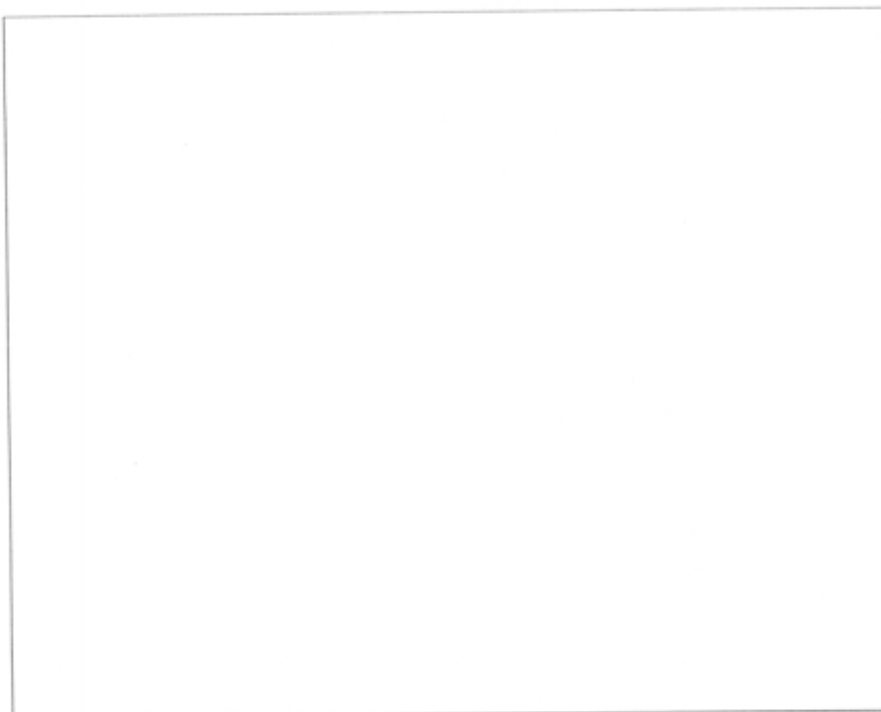
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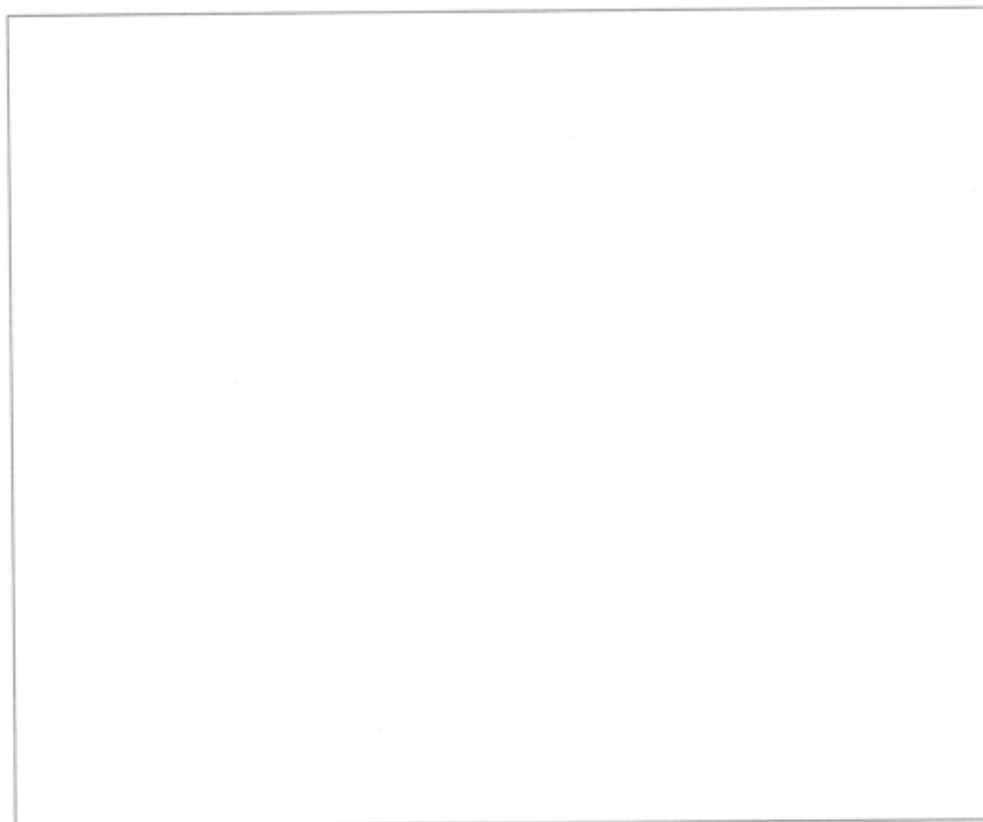
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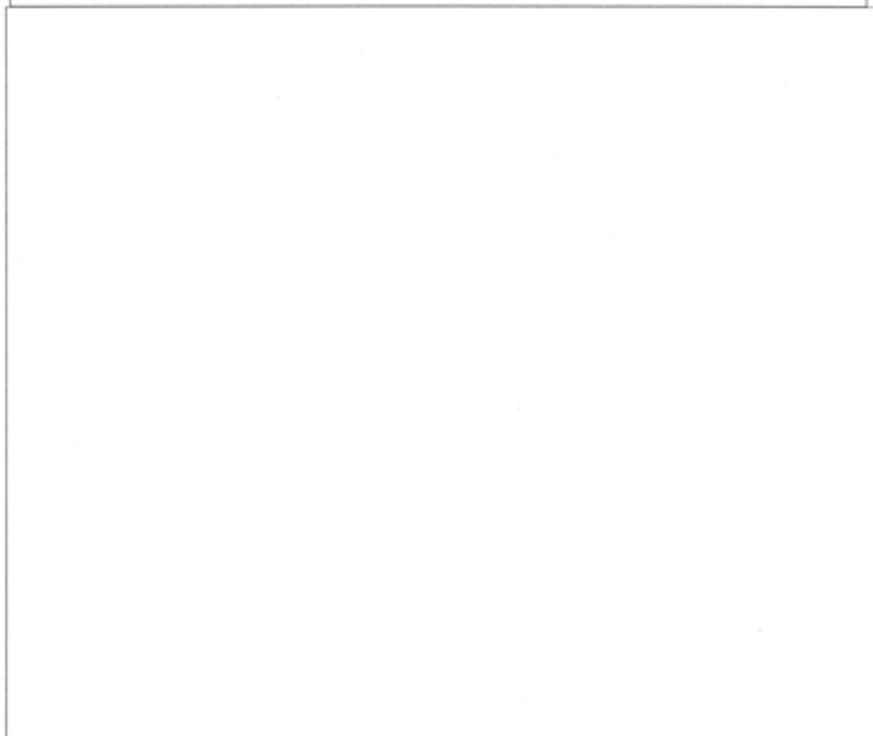
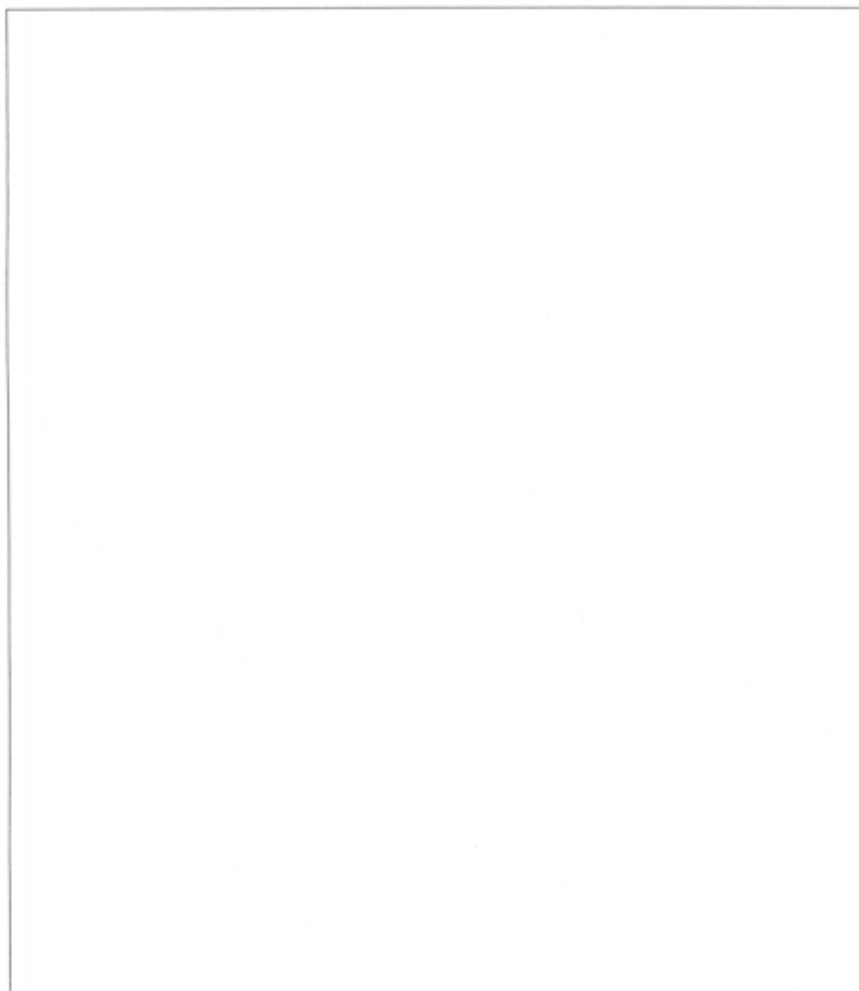
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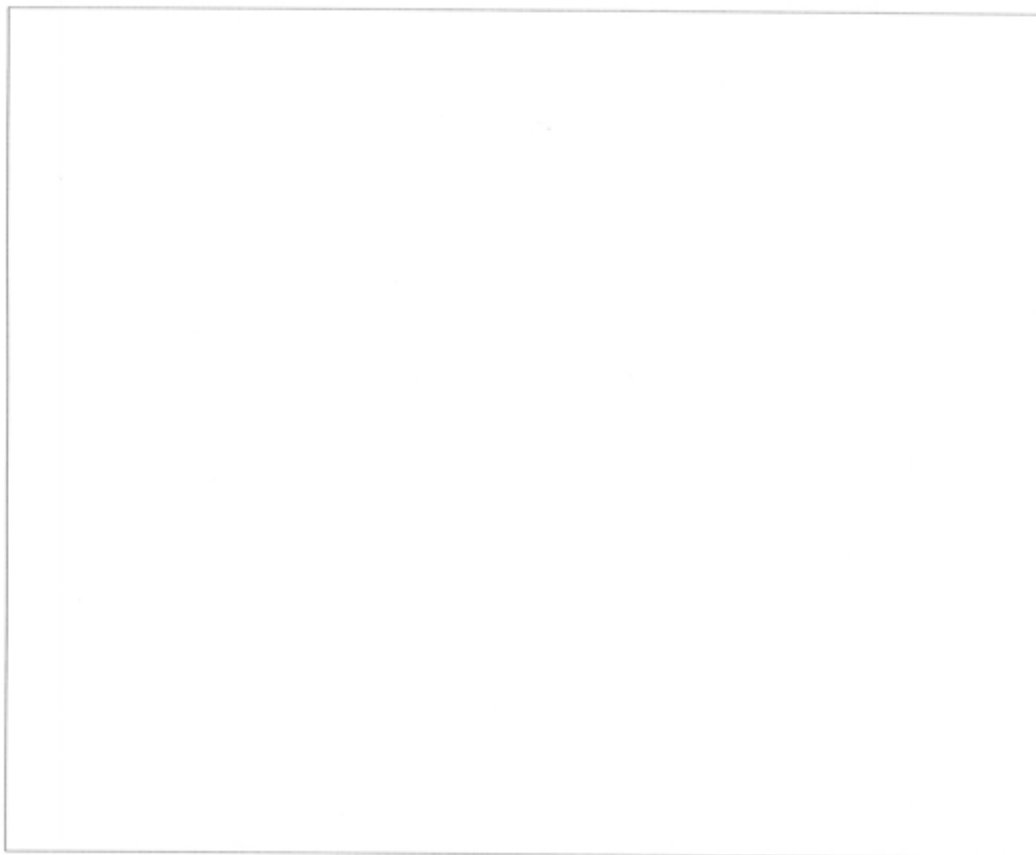
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REF: BRASILIA 10230

EMBASSY CONTACTED [REDACTED] WHO REPORTS THAT THE  
FAMILY IS FINE. [REDACTED] ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY  
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REF: PARIS 38255

1. FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE SAFE  
OR PERSONS WHO HAVE REPORTED TO EMBASSY THAT THEY ARE SAFE.



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2. [REDACTED] LIVES IN GUADALAJARA, AREA NOT DAMAGED BY  
EARTHQUAKE. AMCONSUL GUADALAJARA REPORTS NO AMCITS  
REPORTED INJURY OR DEATH FROM EARTHQUAKE.

3. FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE NOT ON A-Z LIST OF PERSONS WHO  
HAVE REPORTED TO EMBASSY, NOR DO THEIR NAMES APPEAR ON ANY  
LIST OF KNOWN DEAD, INJURED, OR MISSING.

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4. DEA MEXICO INFORMS US THAT [REDACTED] HAS NOT  
COME TO MEXICO AND THEY ASSUME HE IS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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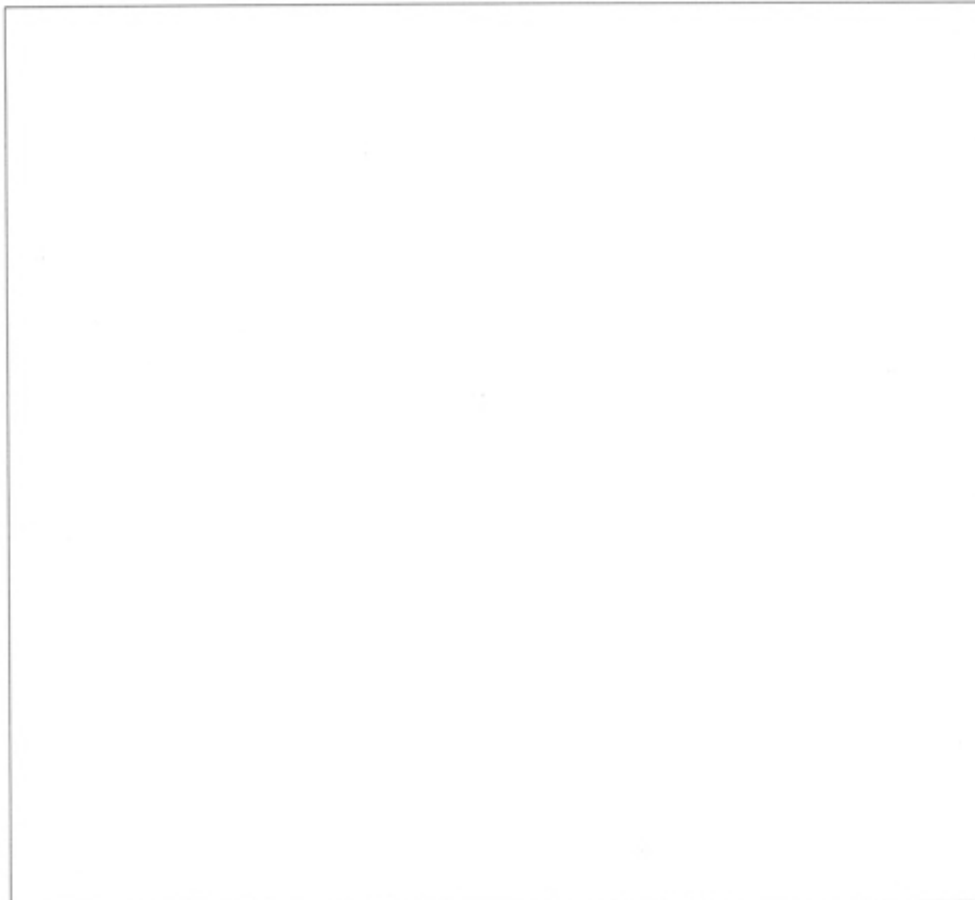
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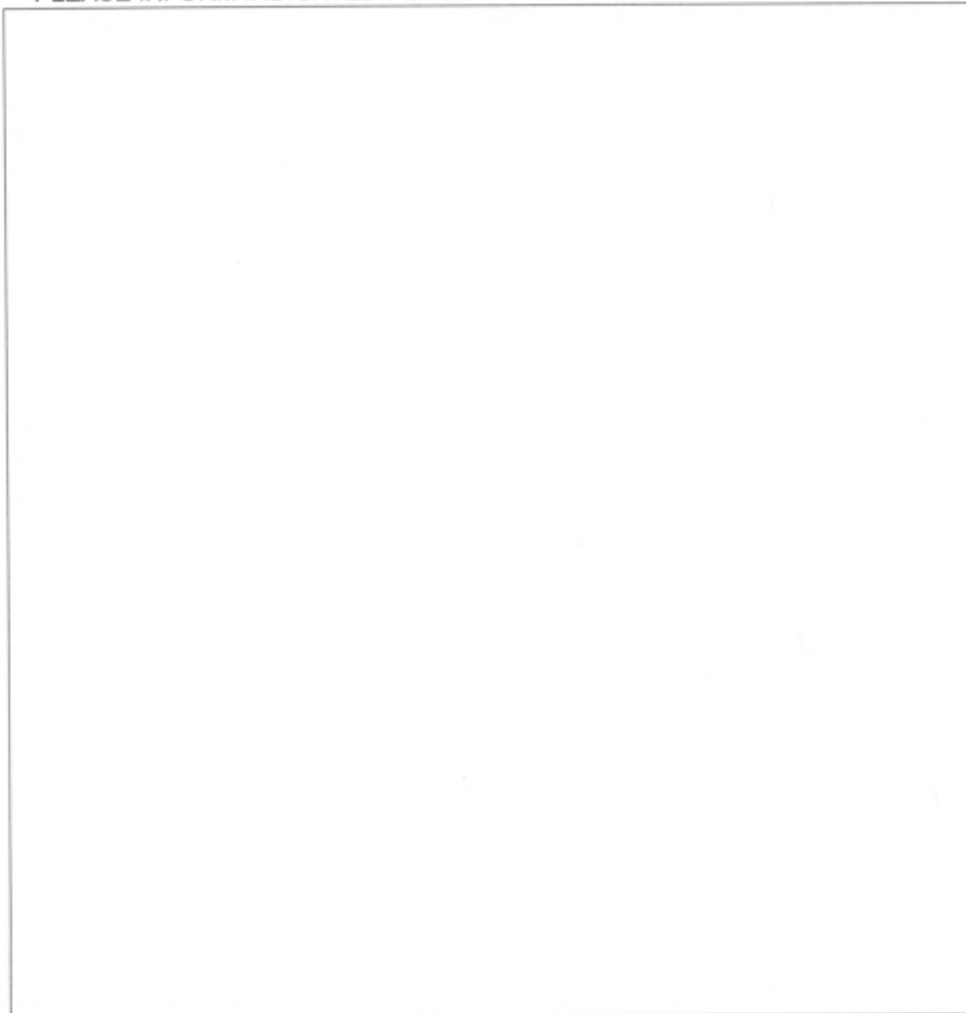
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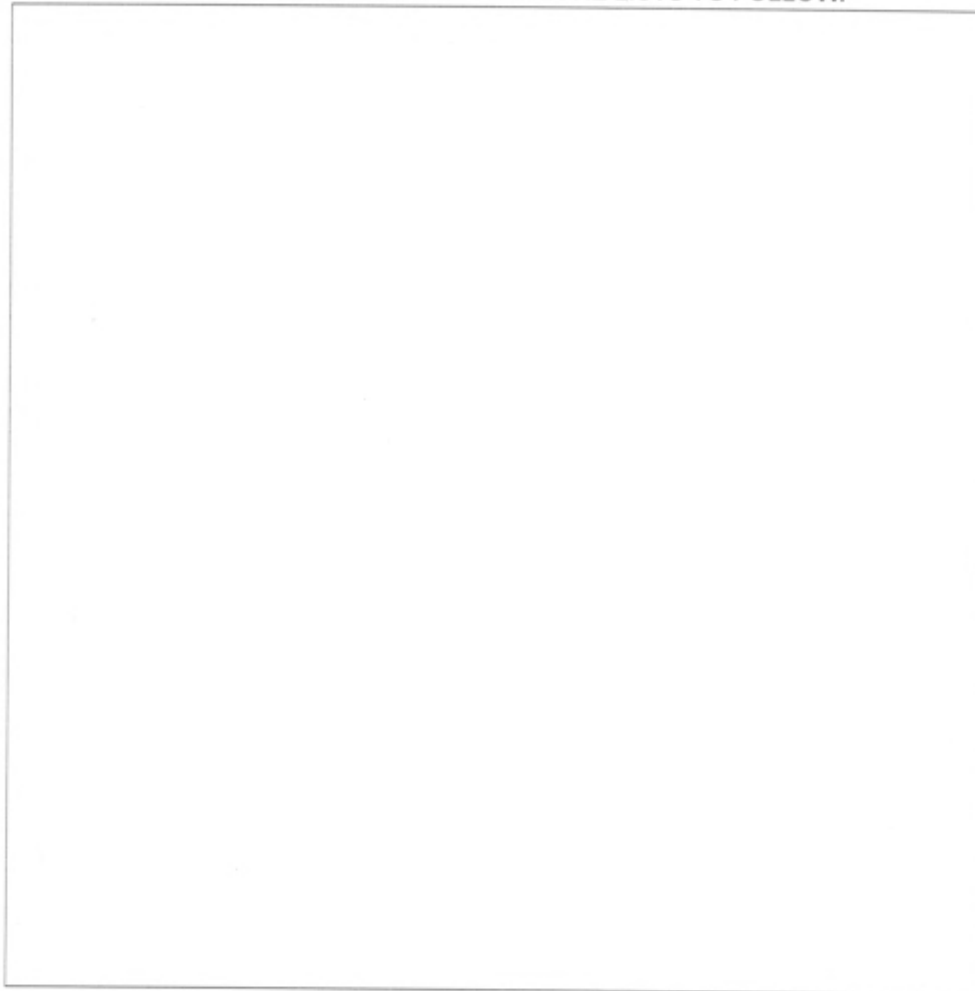
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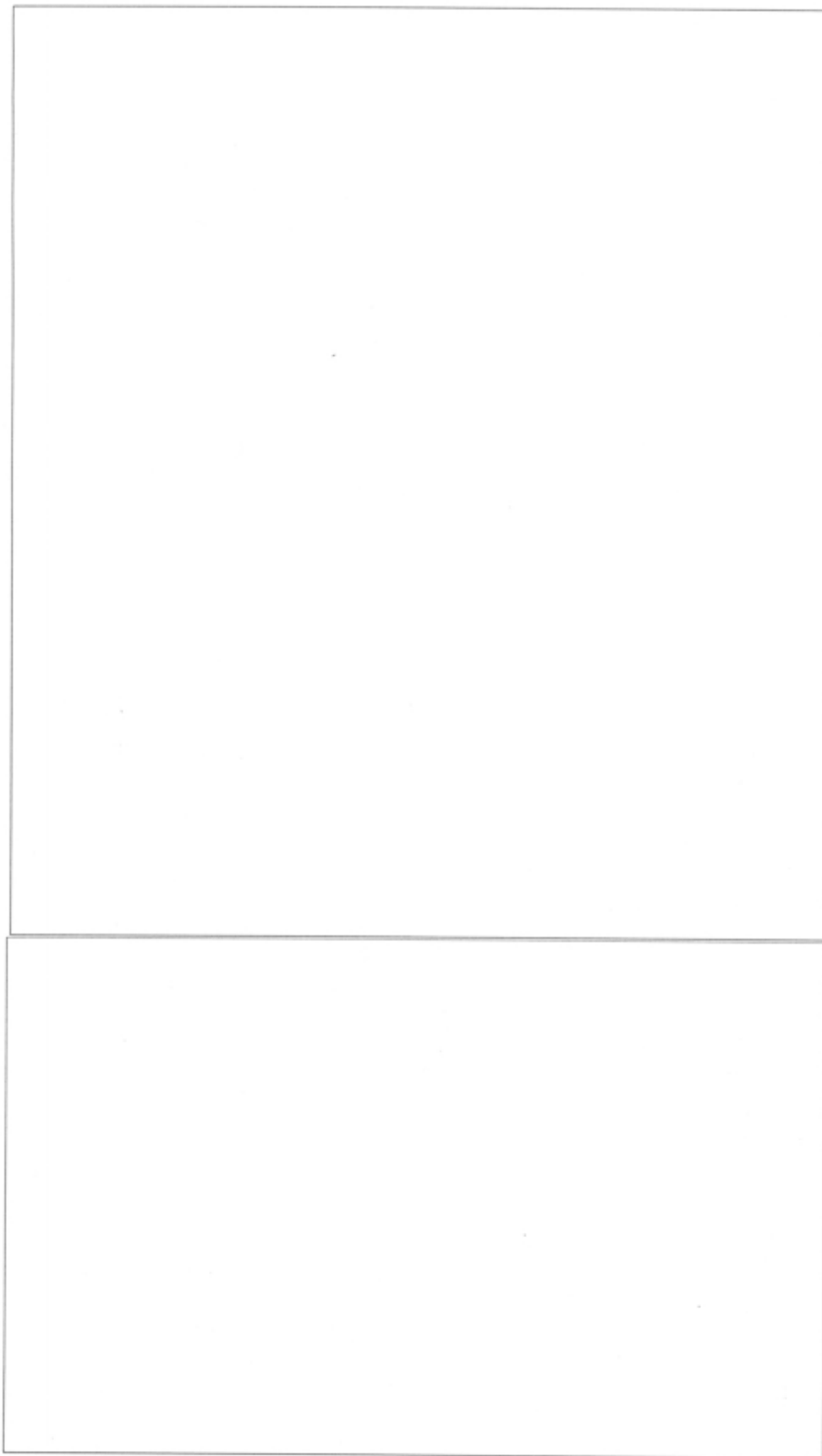
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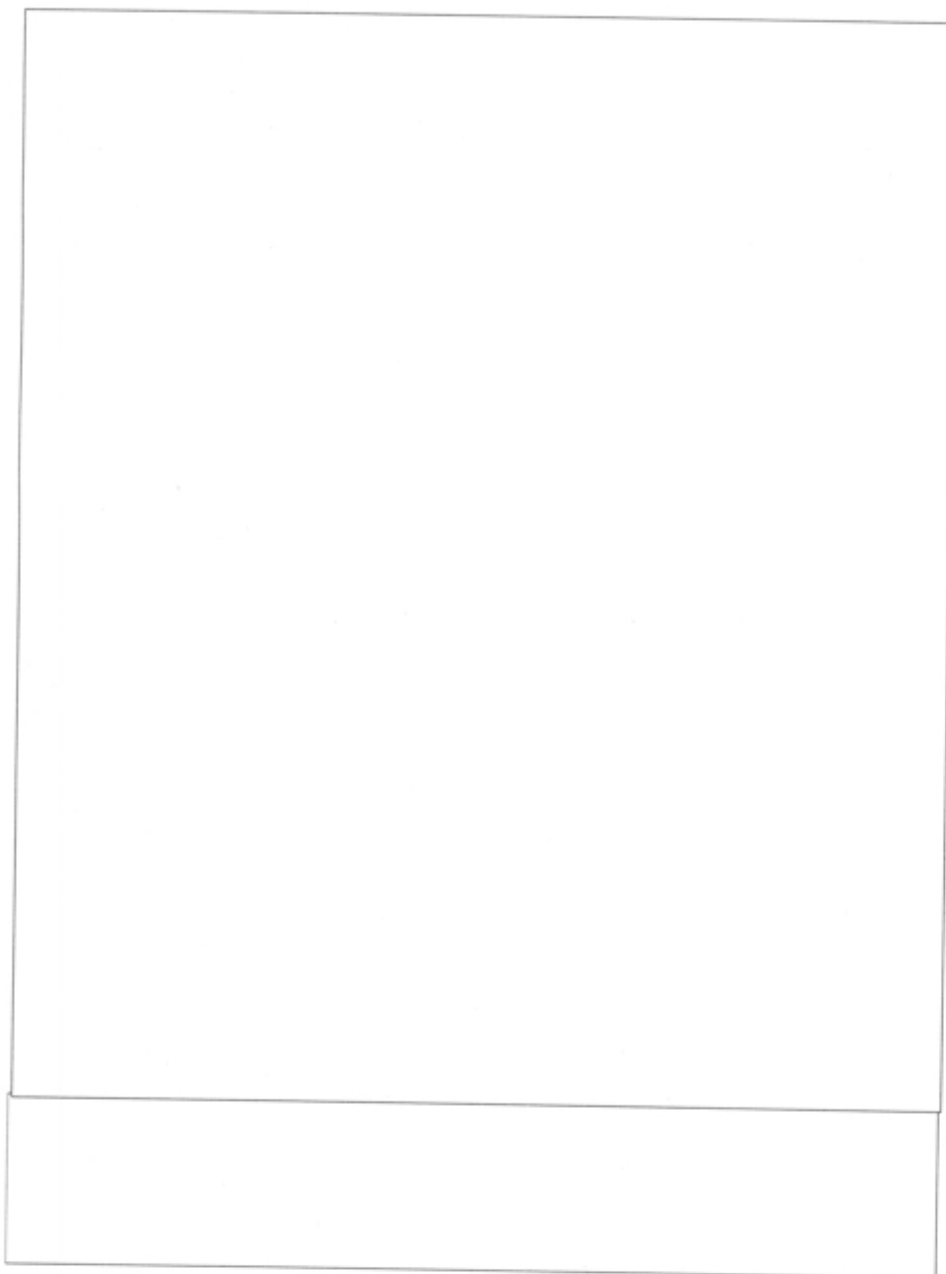
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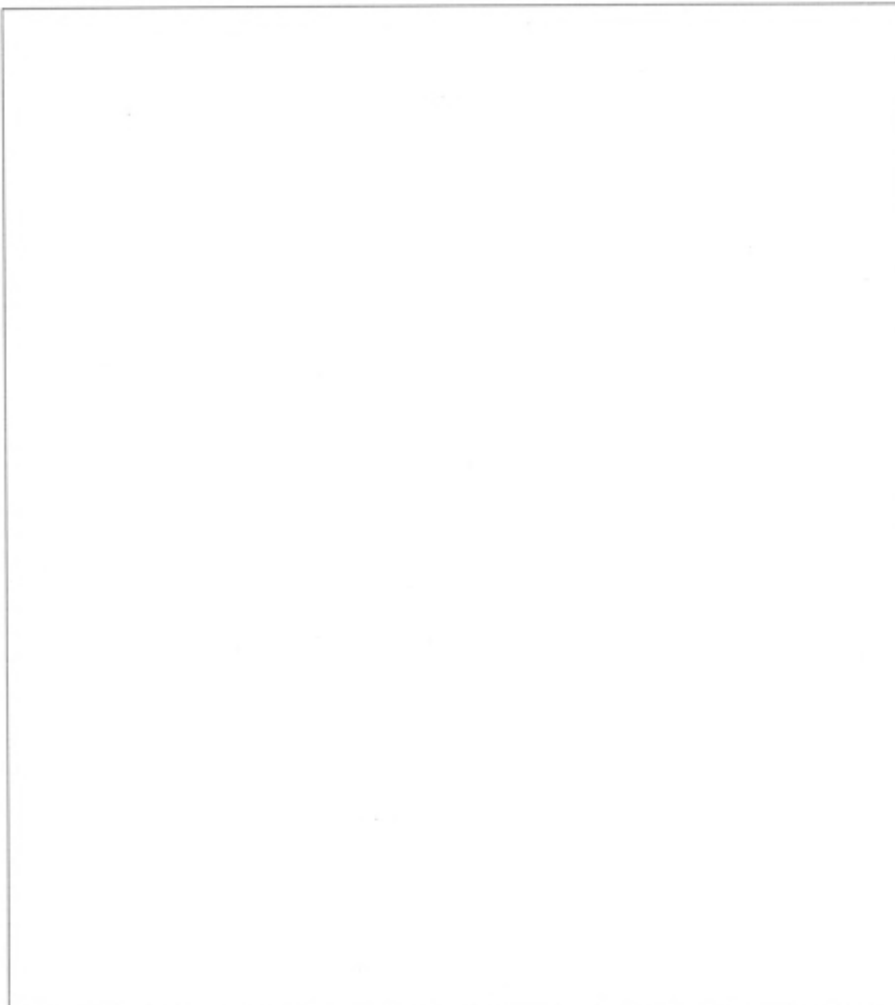
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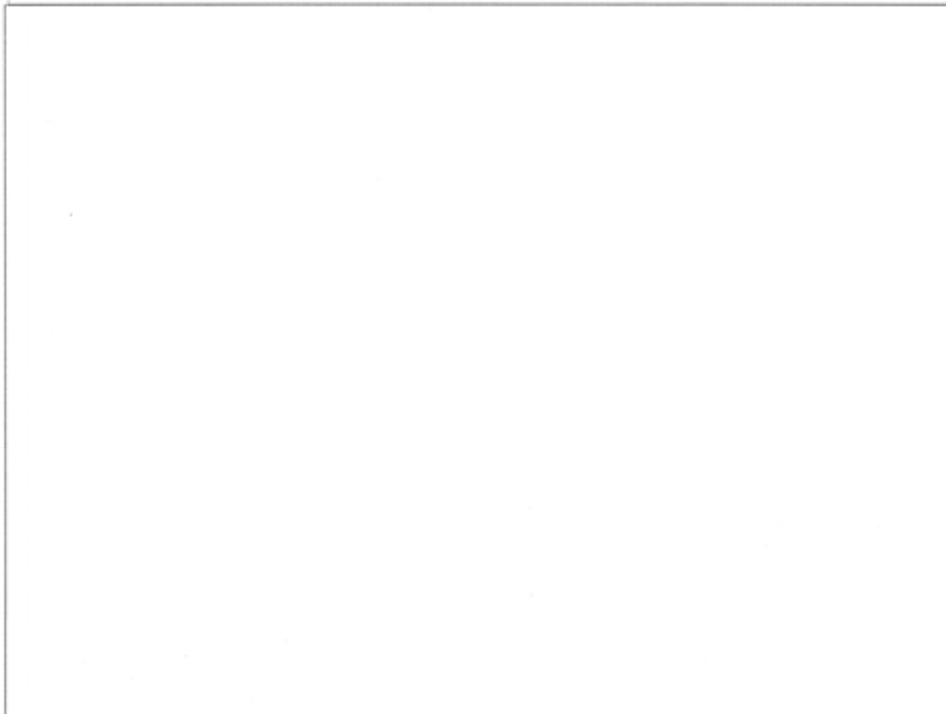
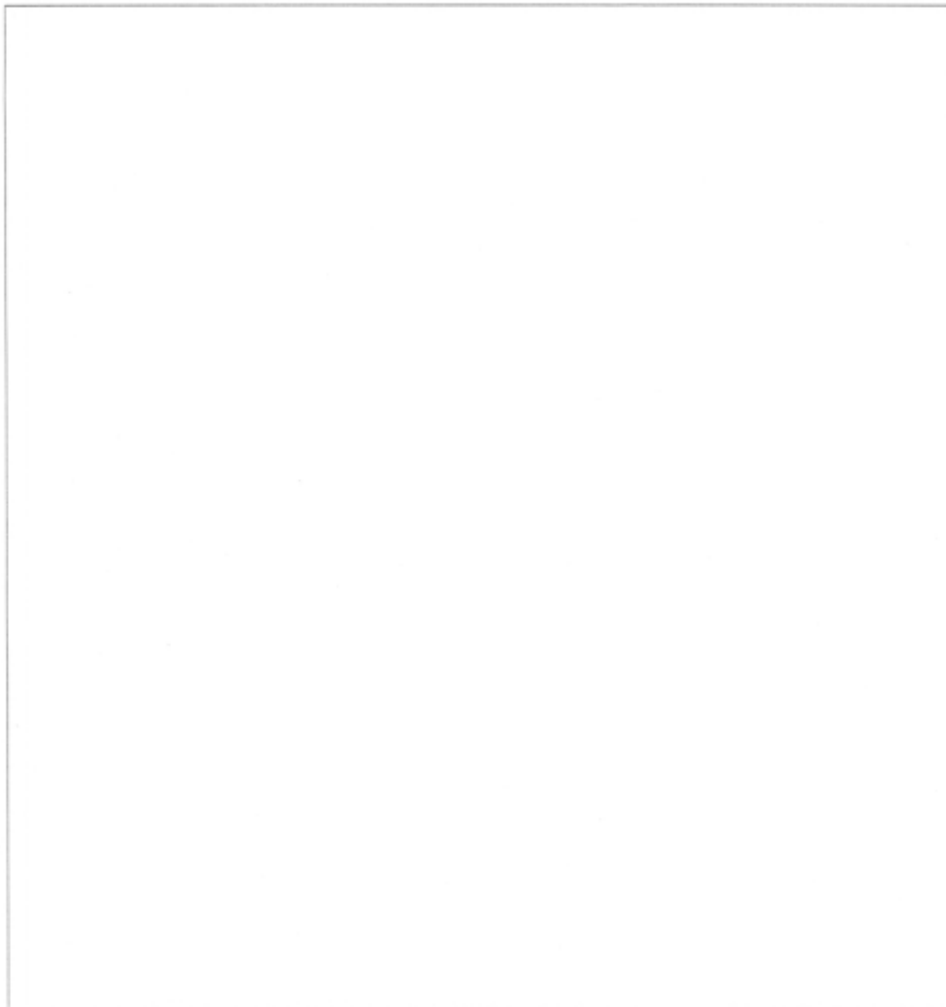
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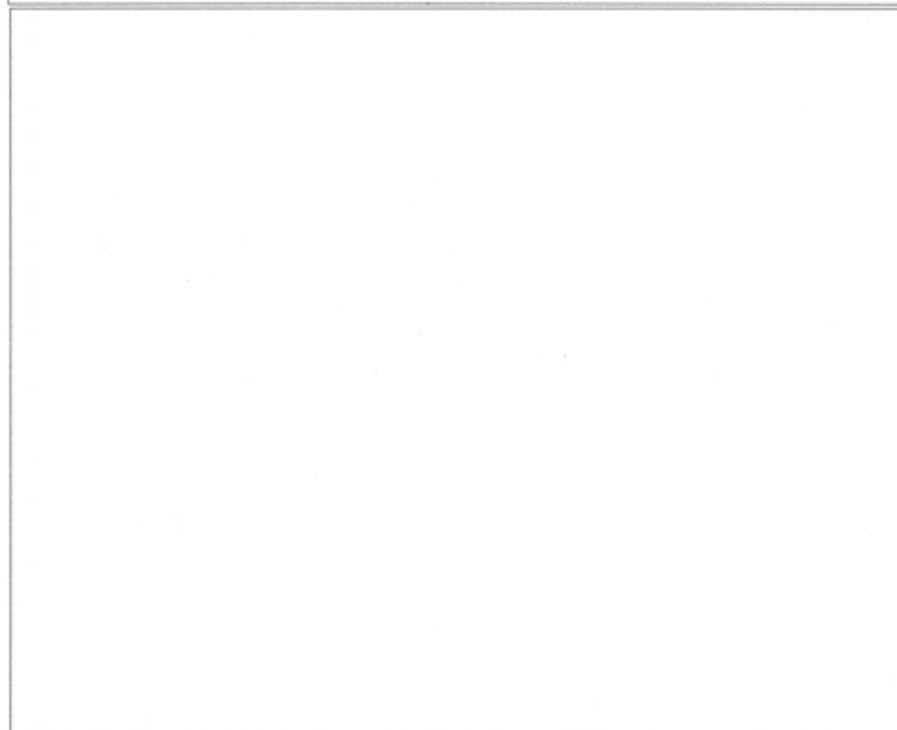
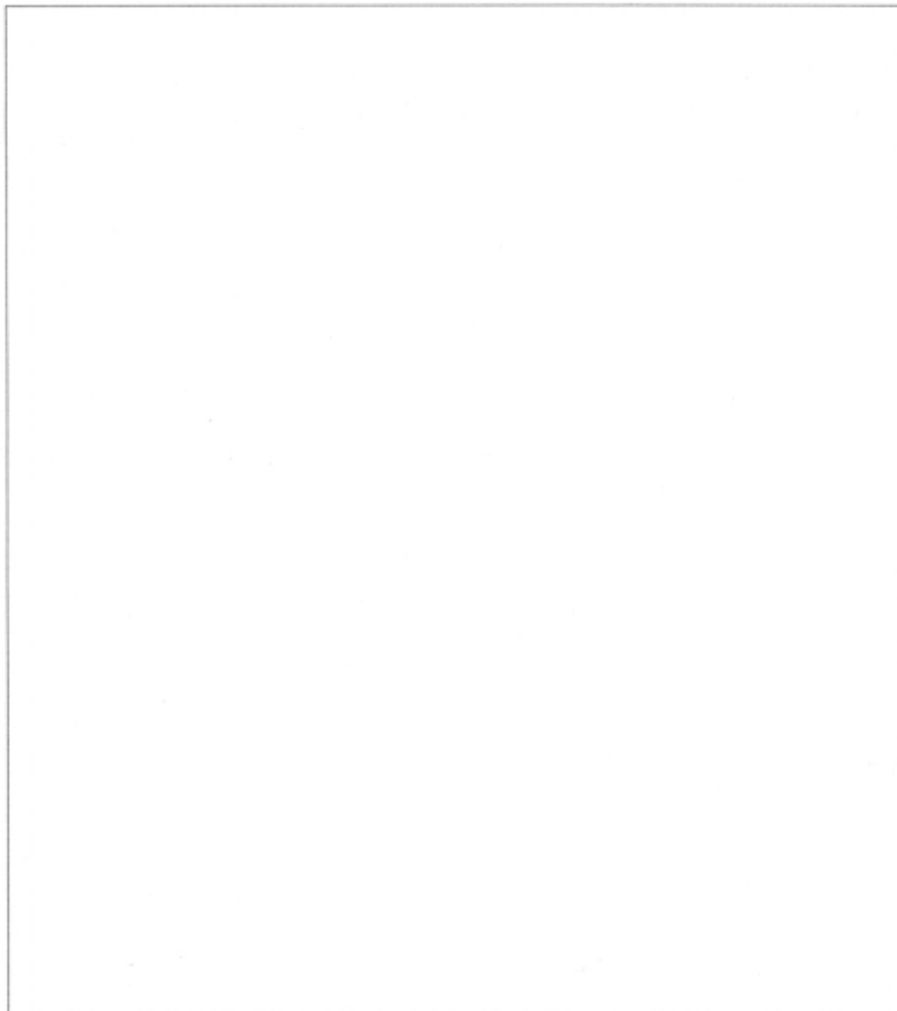
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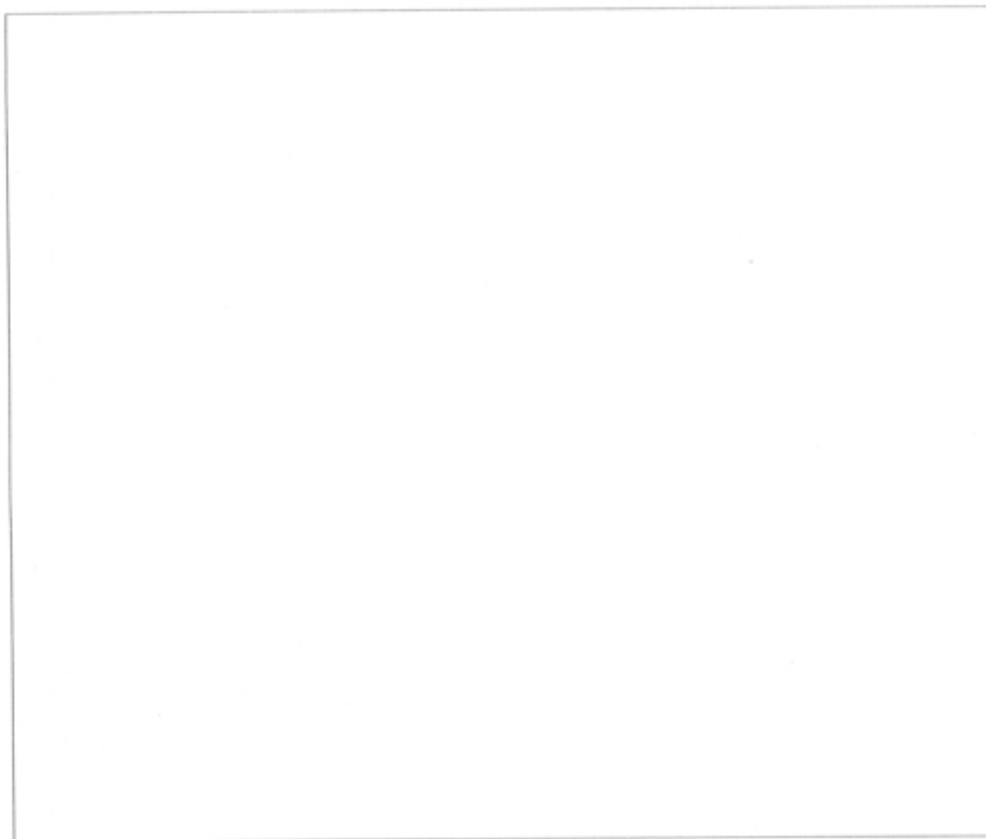
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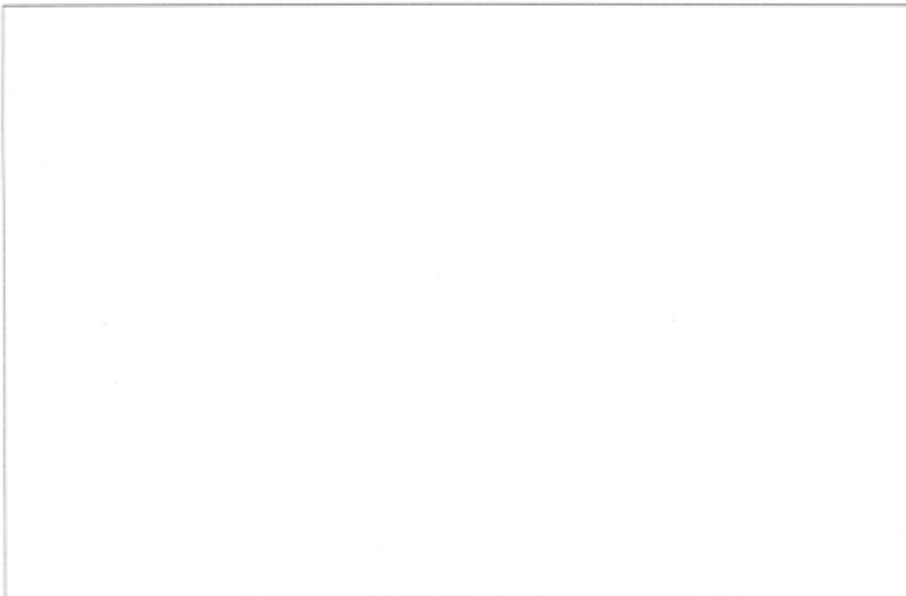
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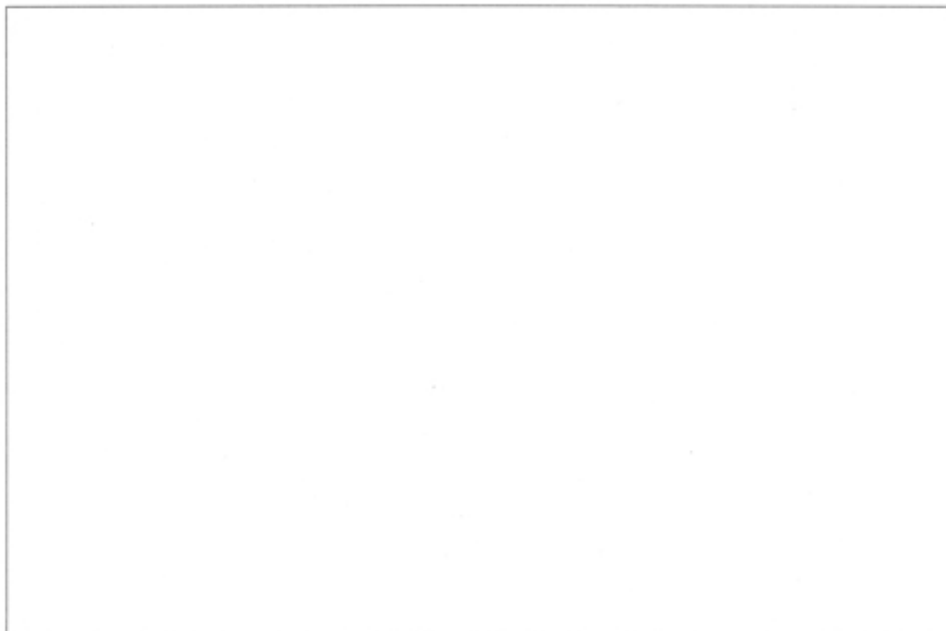
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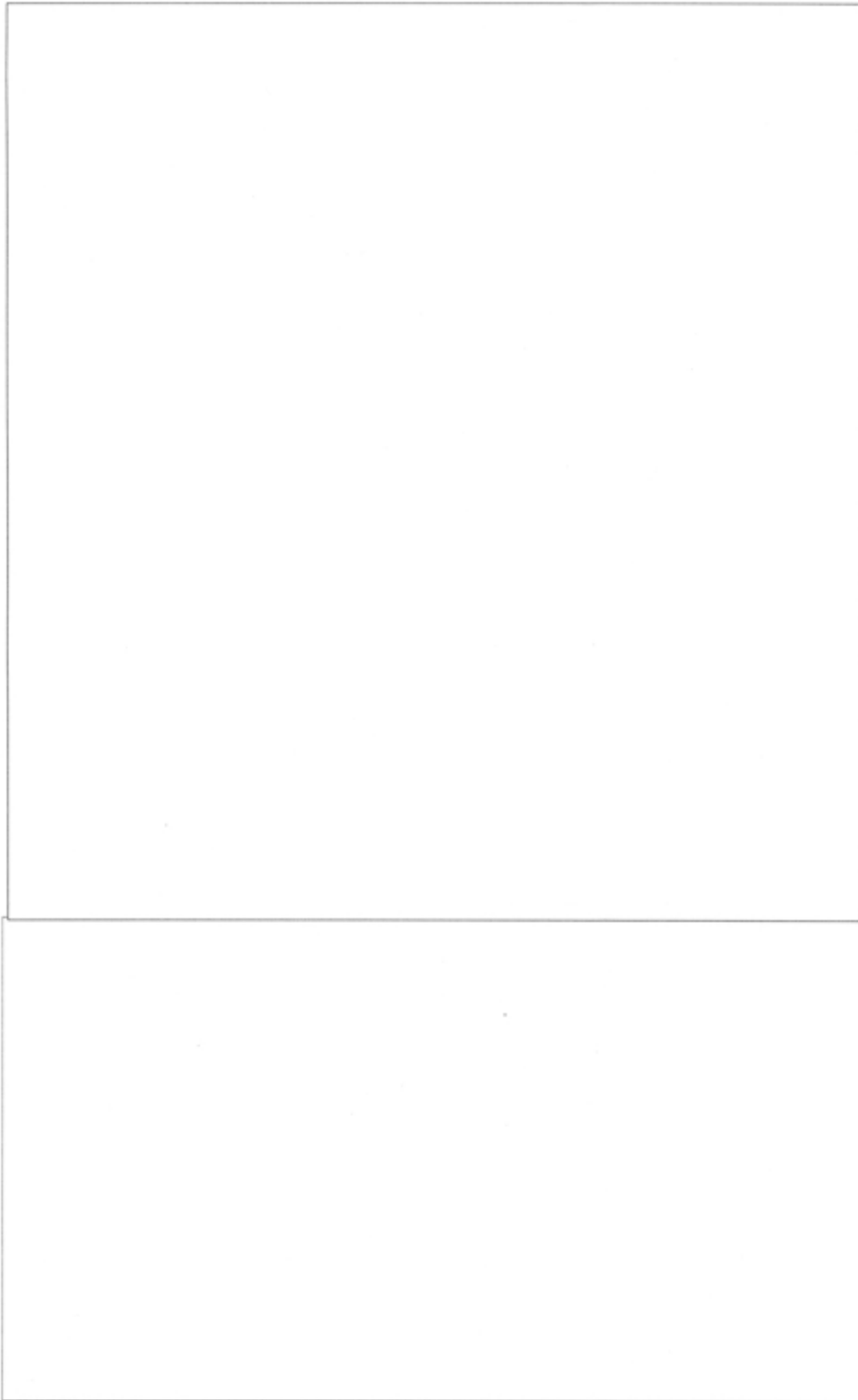
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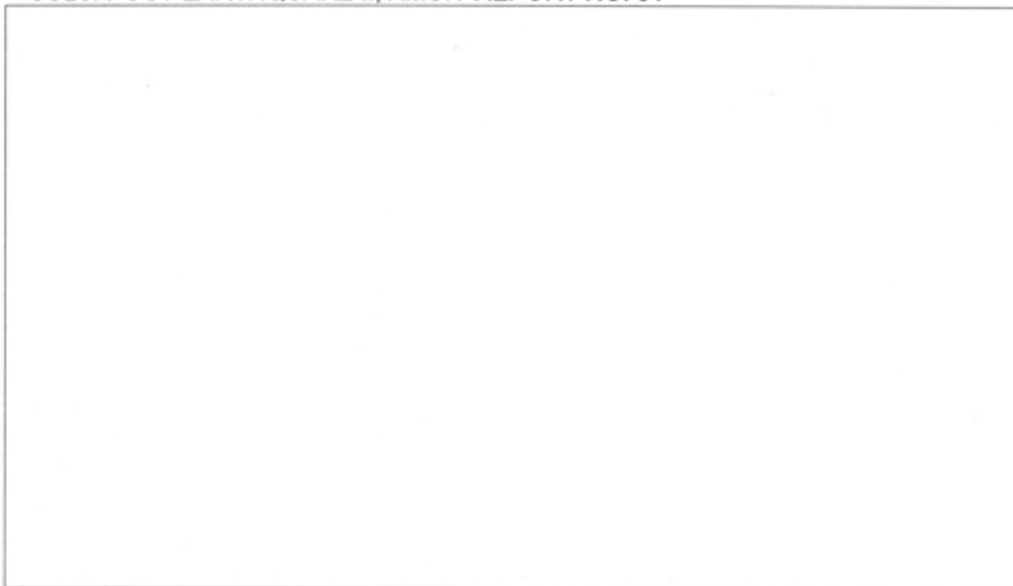
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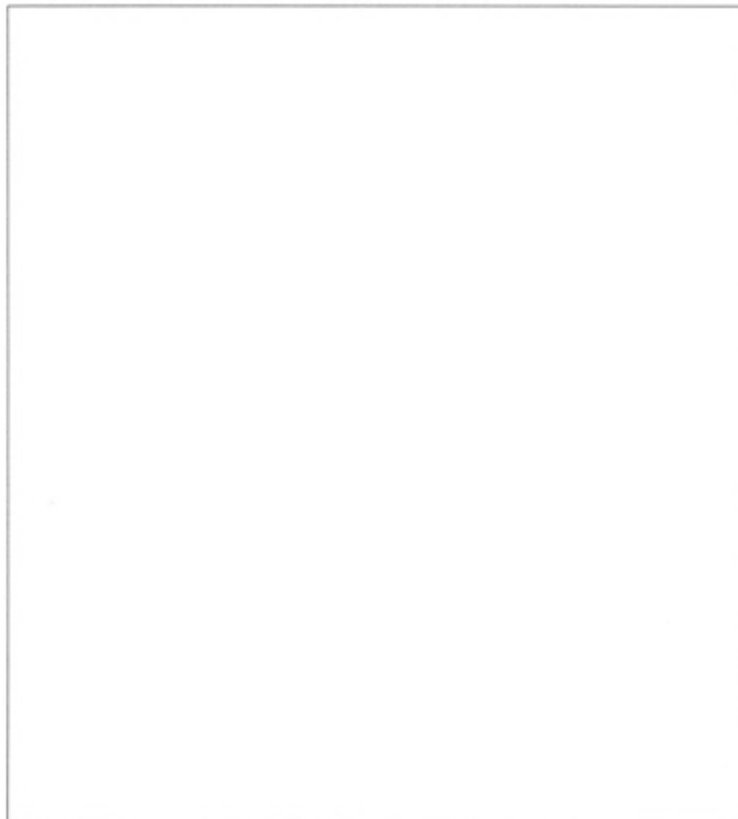
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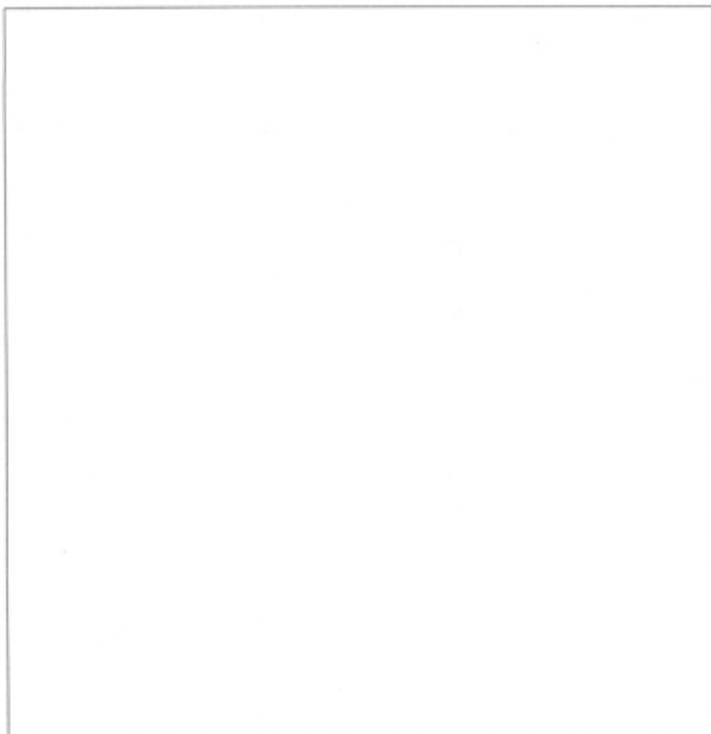
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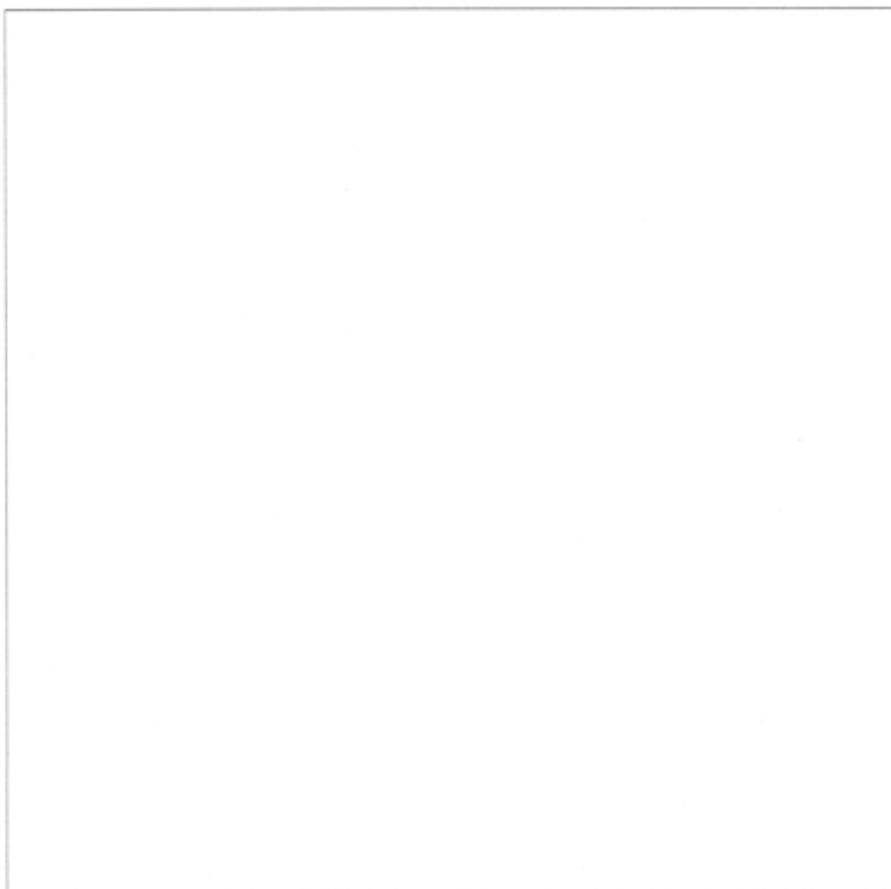
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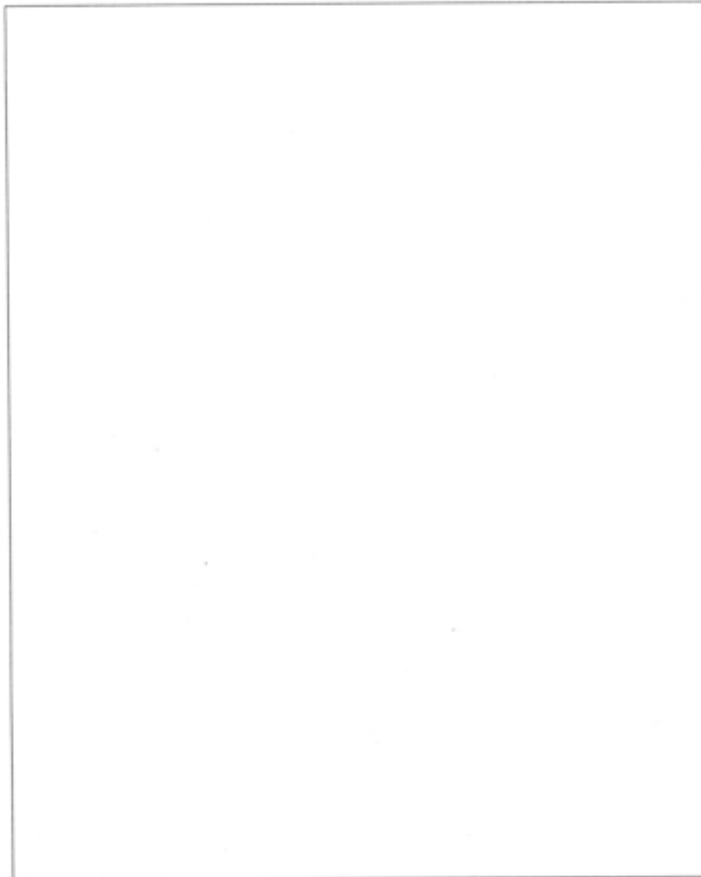
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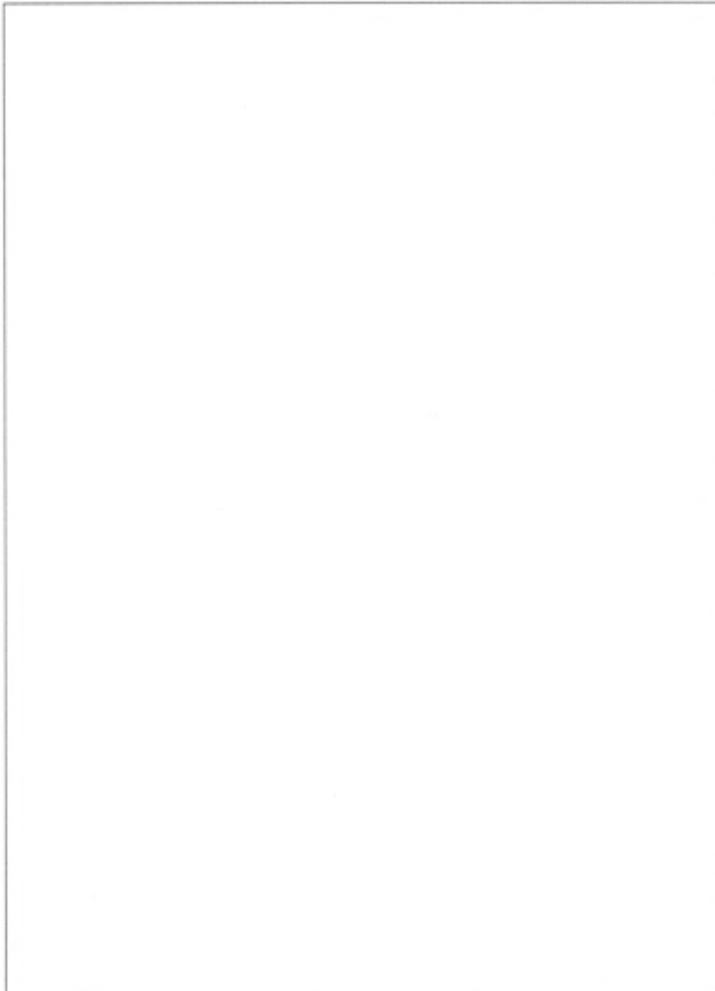
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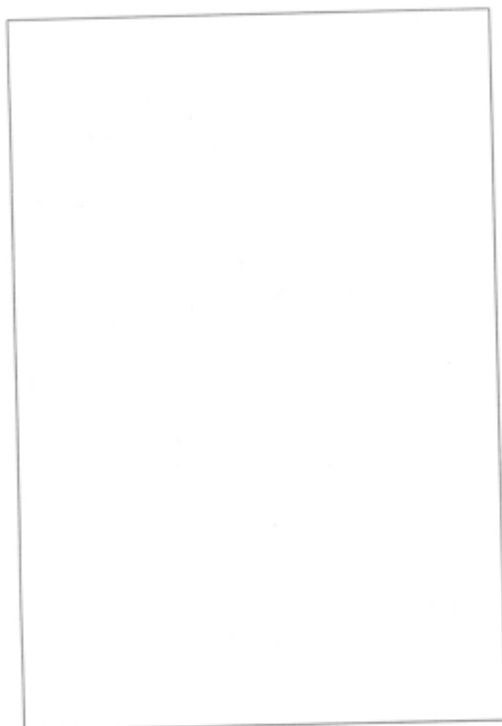
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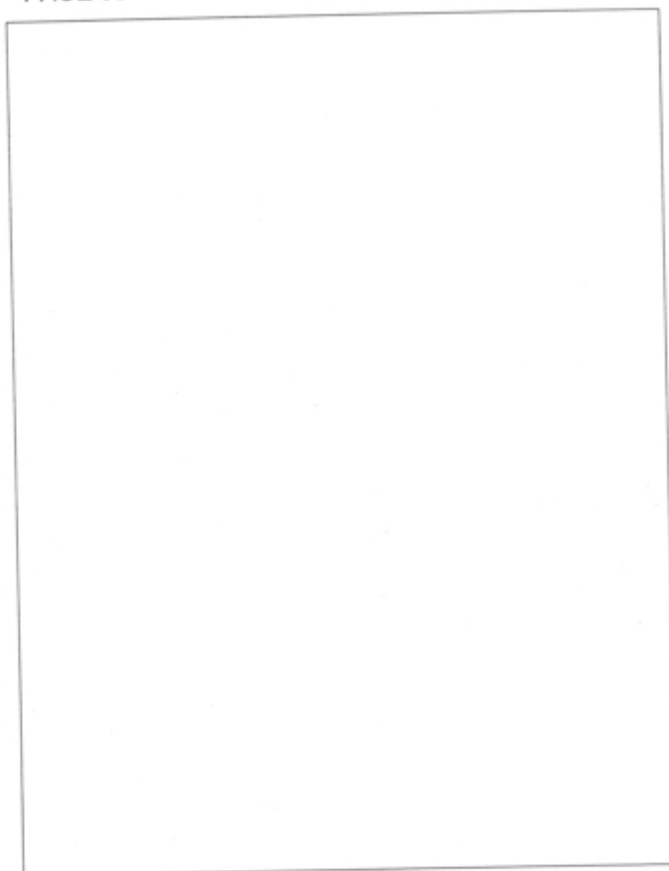
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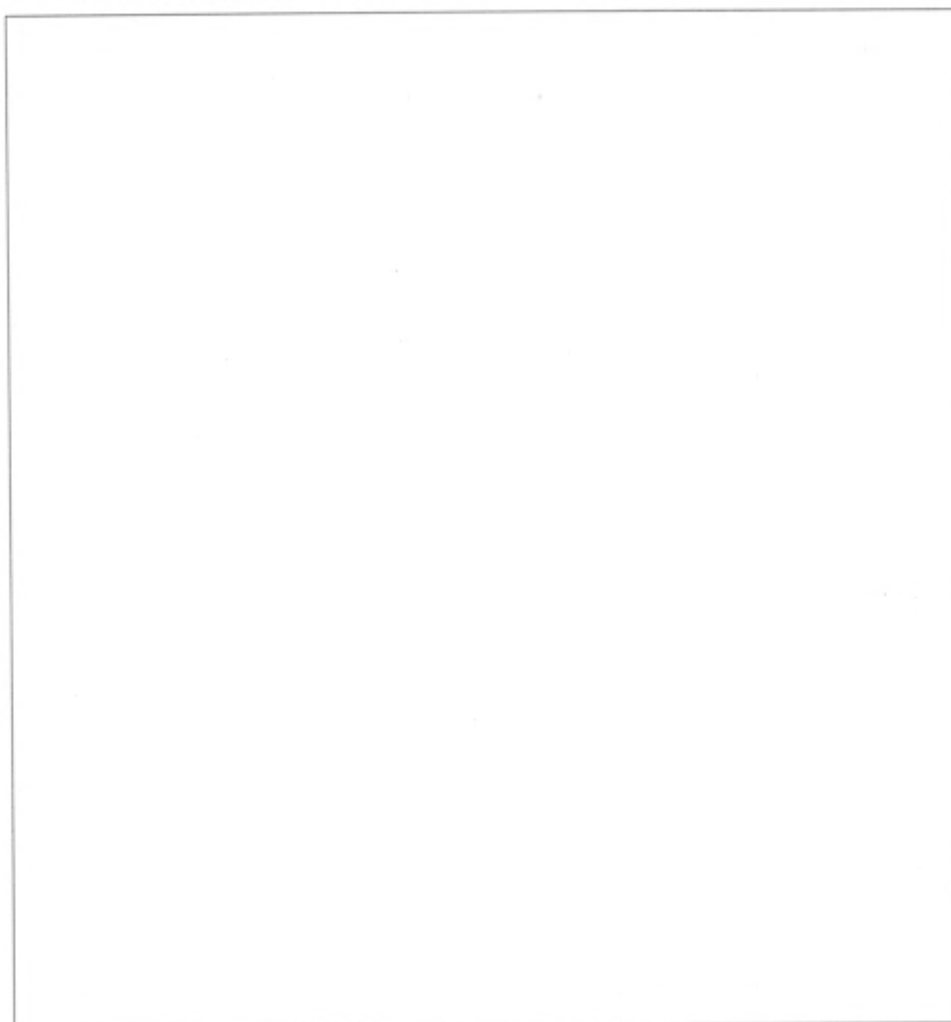
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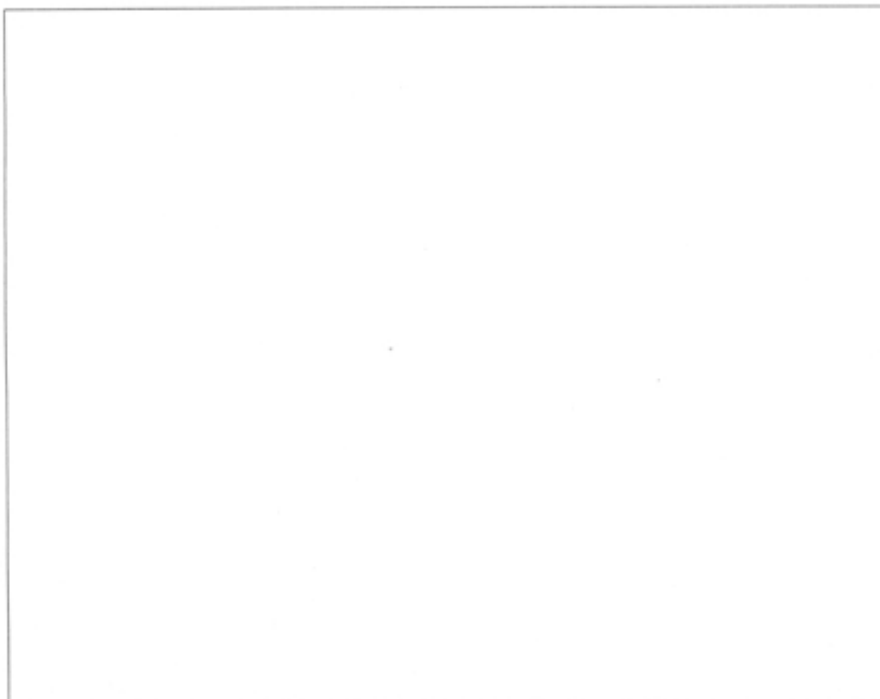


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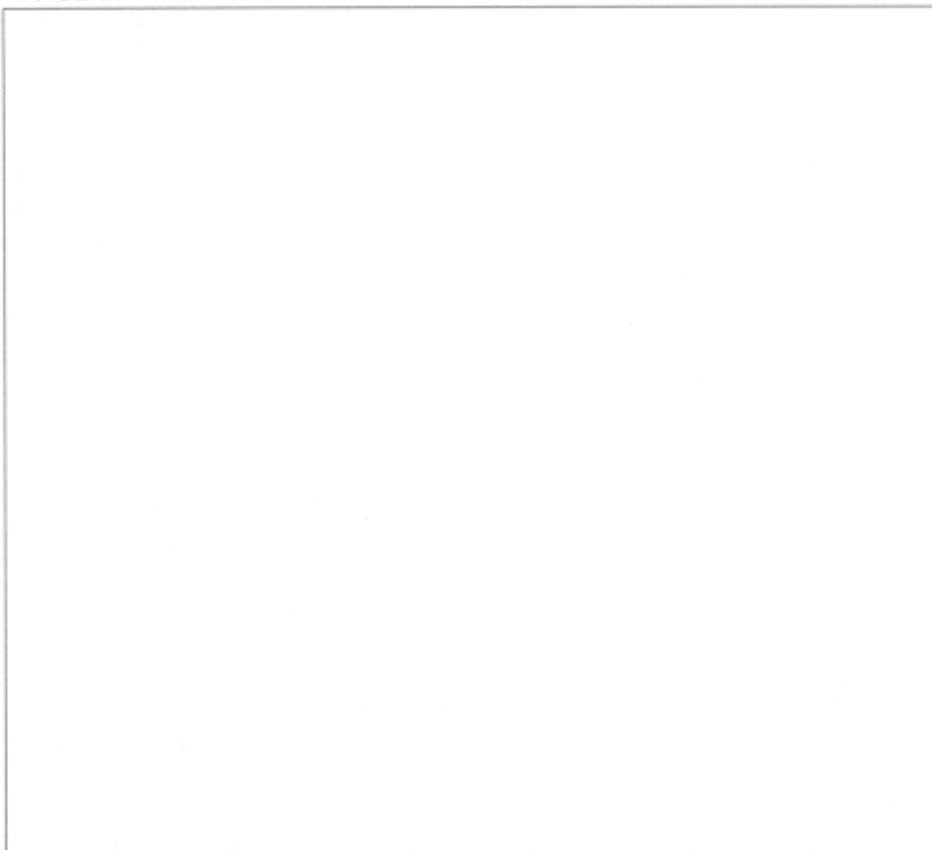
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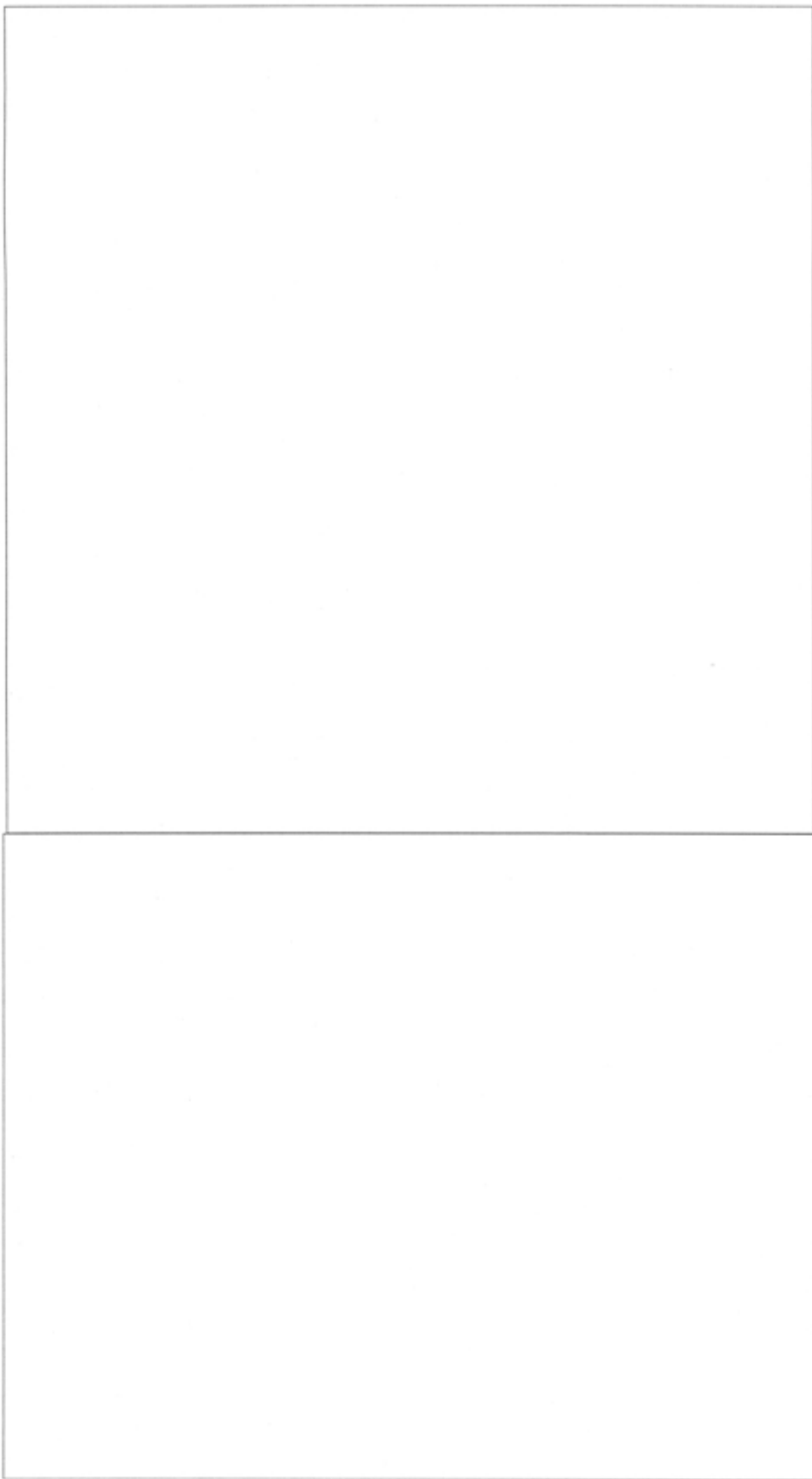
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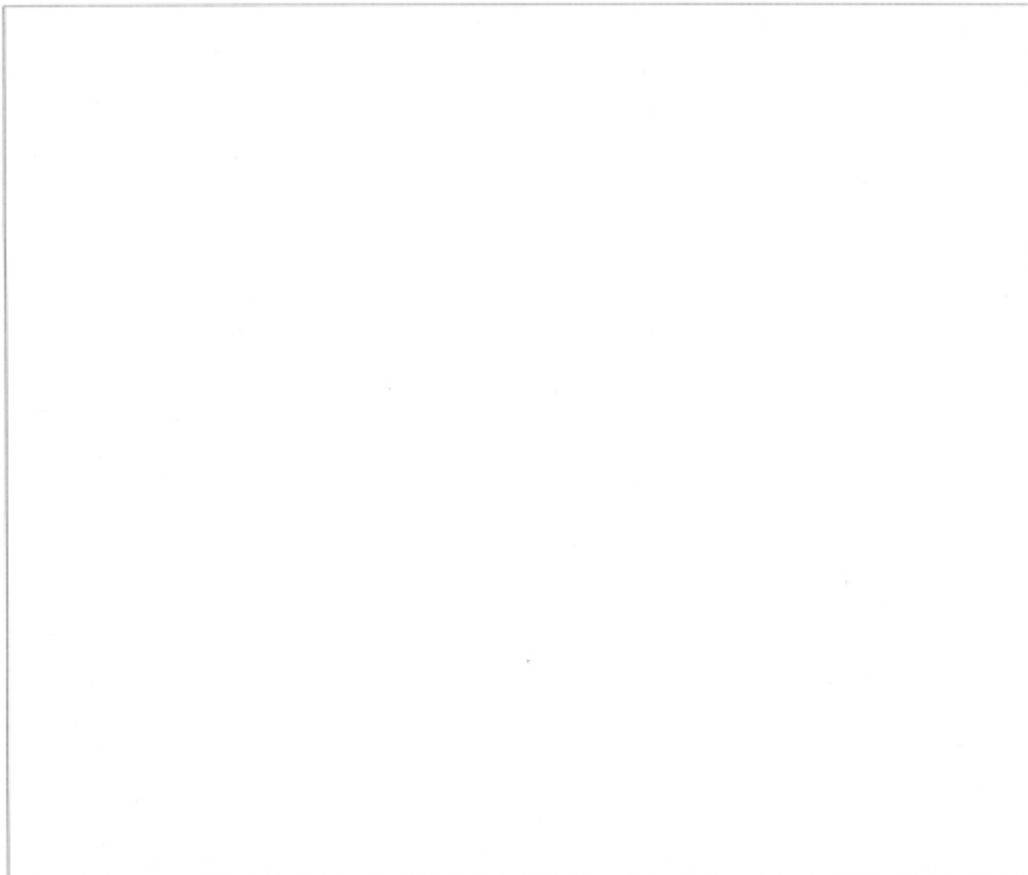
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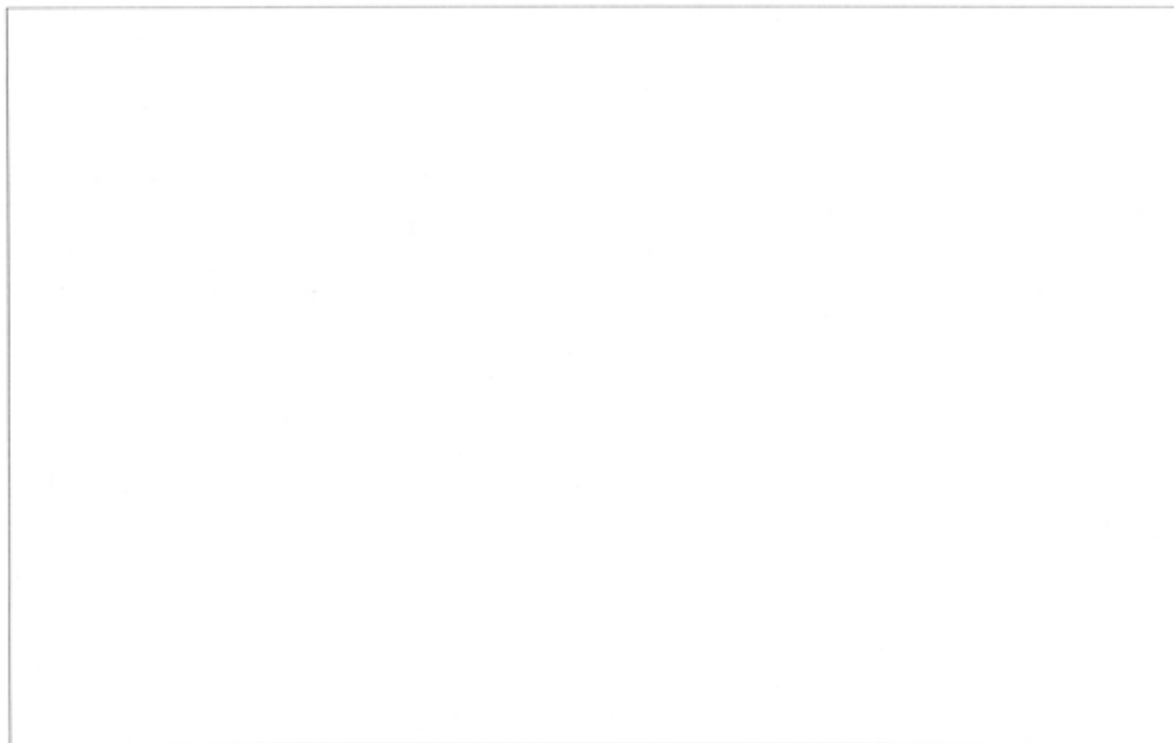
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REF: STATE 295806, BRUSSELS 13295

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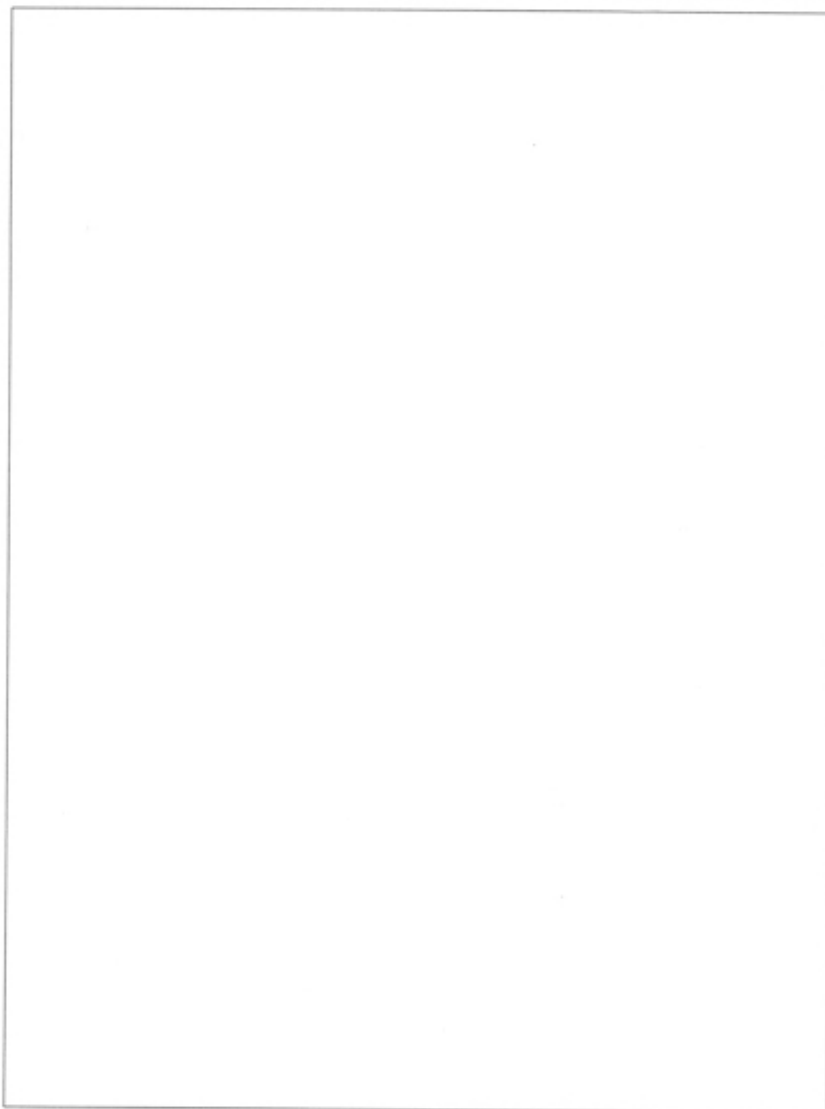
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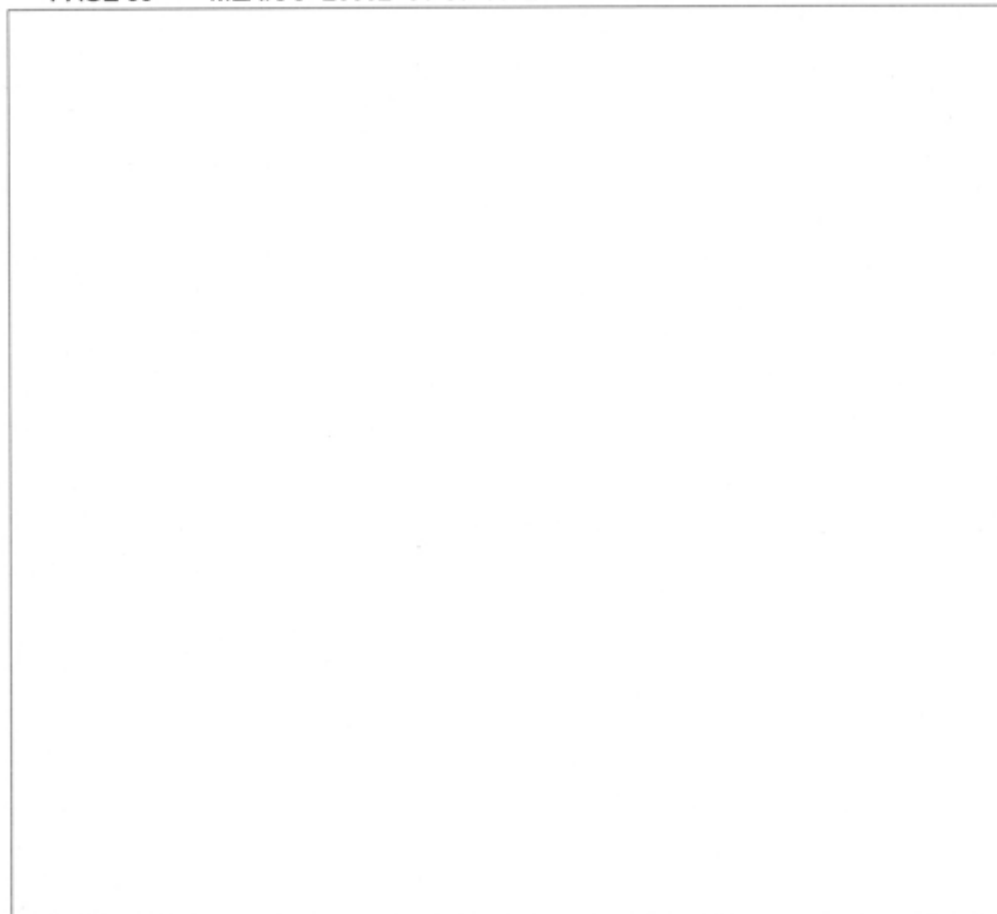
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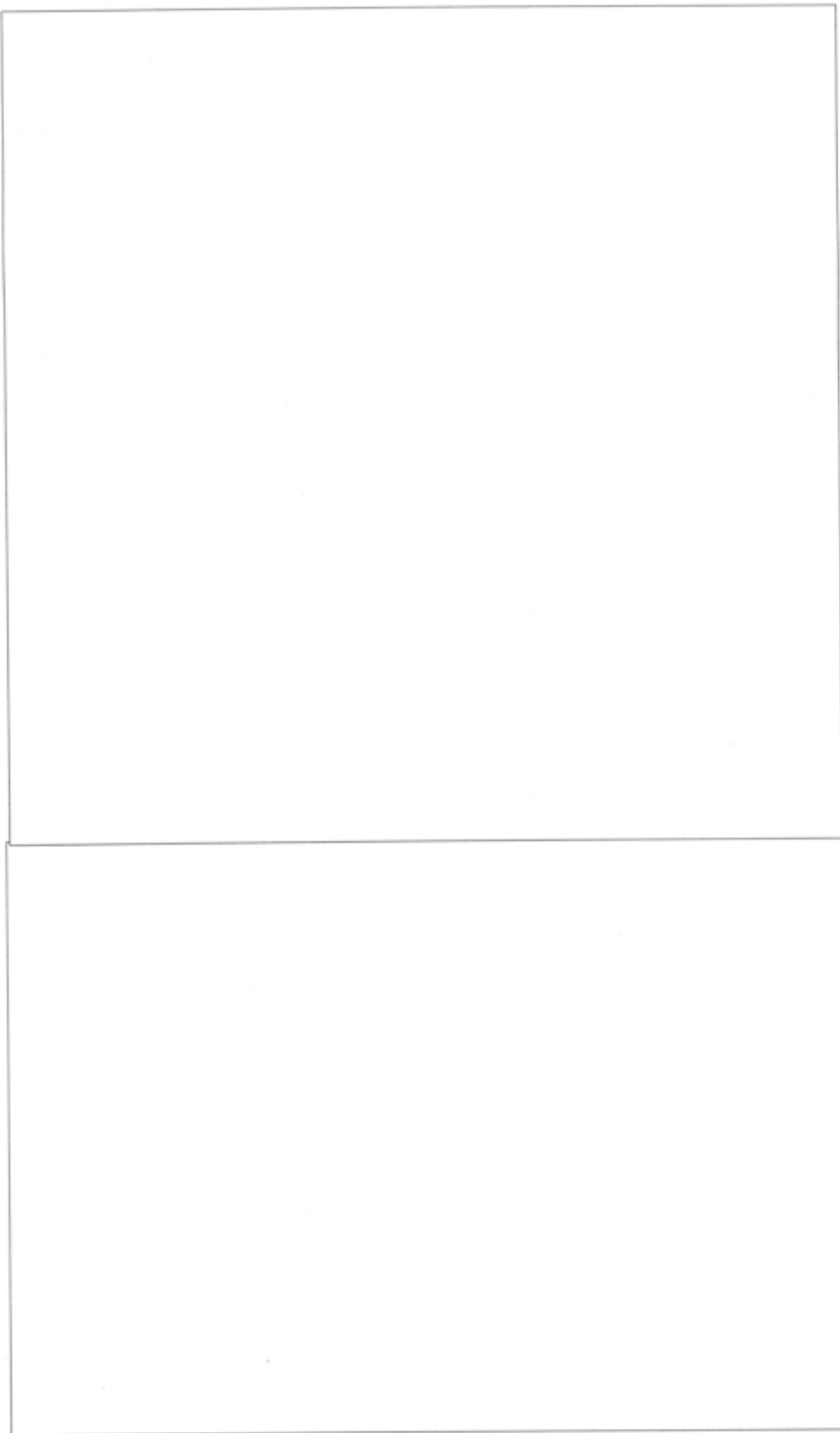
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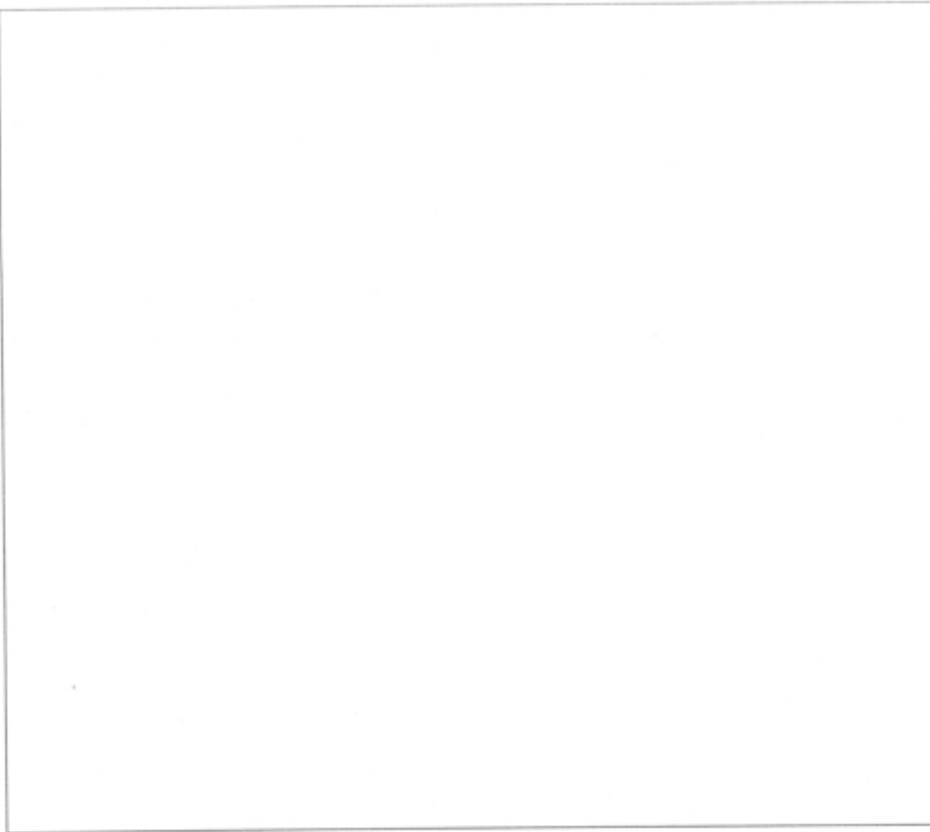
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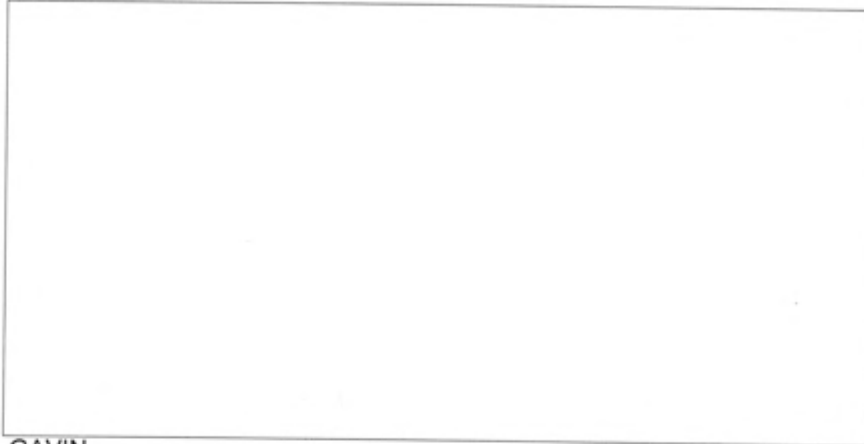
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THE MEXICO TASK FORCE HAS ASKED US TO CHECK ON W/W OF  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON. SINCE THE INDICATED ADDRESS IS  
WITHIN YOUR CONSULAR DISTRICT PLEASE TAKE ACTION. YOUR  
REPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD INDICATE THAT IT IS IN  
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SUBJ: W/W OF MISSING AMCITS

THE MEXICO TASK FORCE HAS INQUIRED INTO THE W/W OF THE  
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WITHIN YOUR CONSULAR DISTRICT, PLEASE TAKE ACTION. SOME  
OF THOSE WERE HAND CARRIED TO GUADALAJARA BY [REDACTED]  
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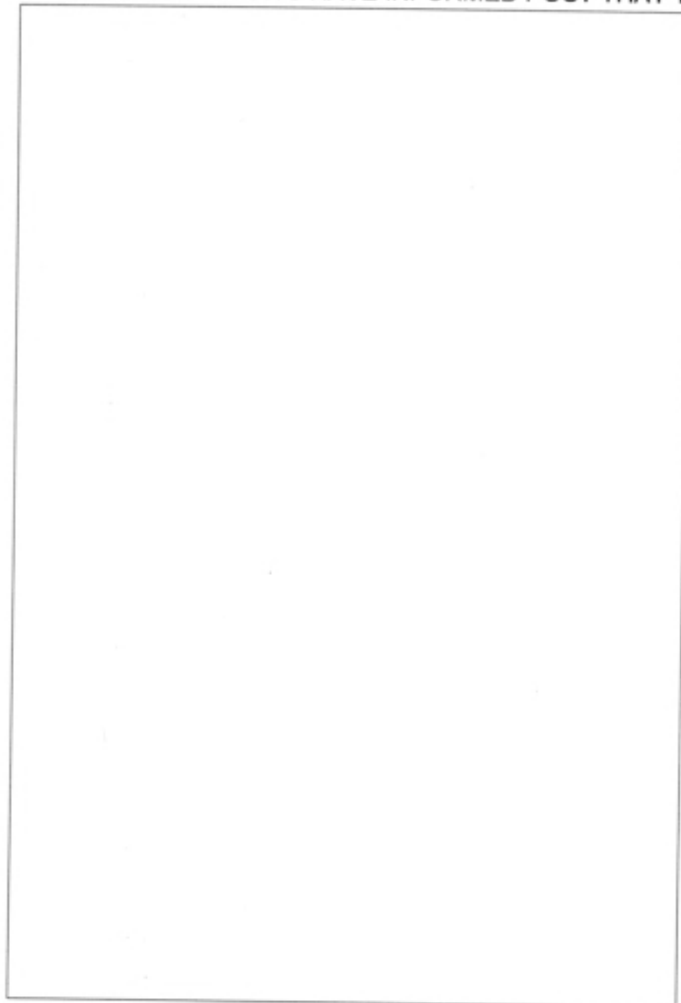
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